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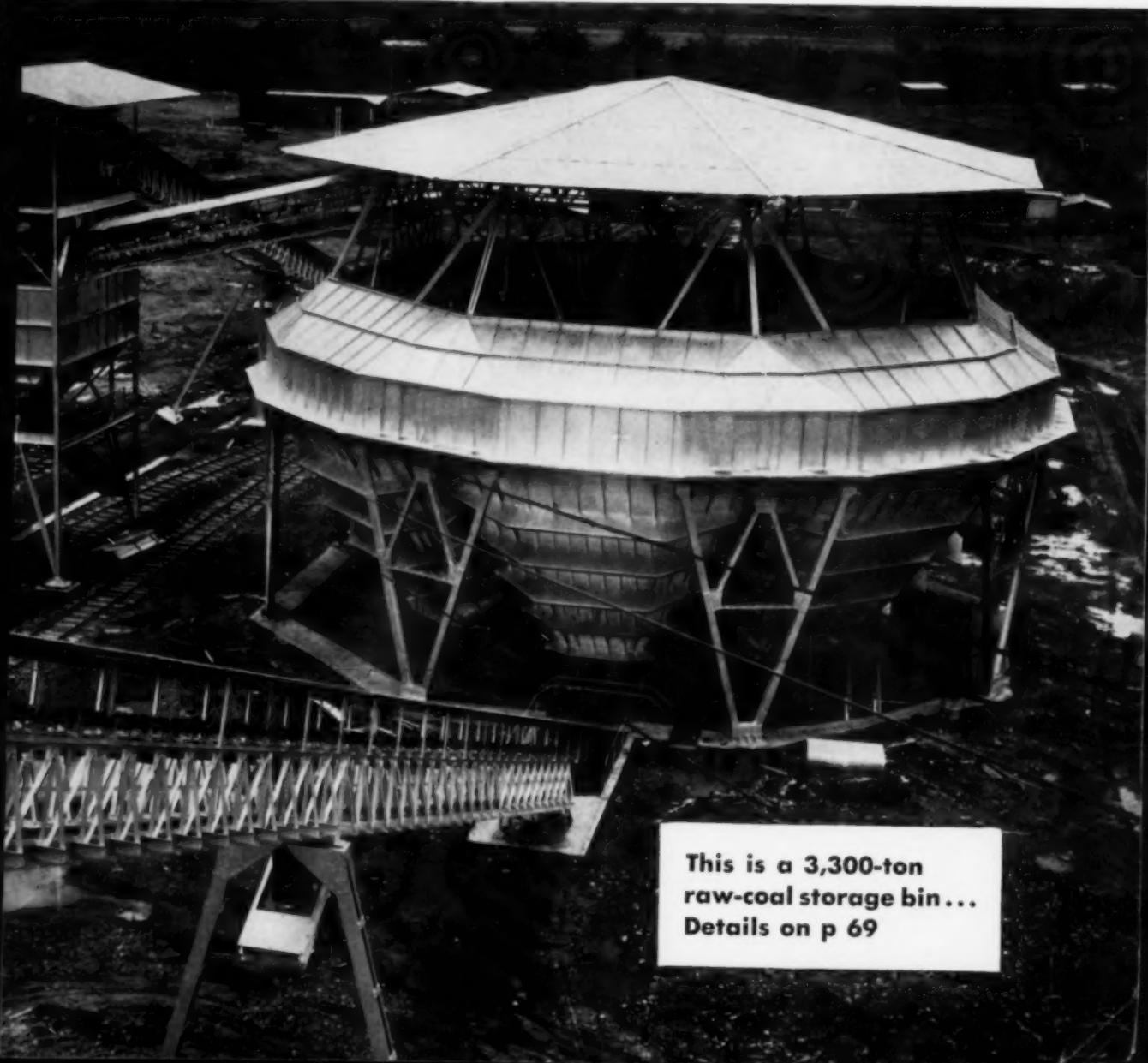
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Up-Hill Continuous Mining

NWI uses continuous miners and shaking conveyors to recover pitching seams. See p 60

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This is a 3,300-ton
raw-coal storage bin . . .
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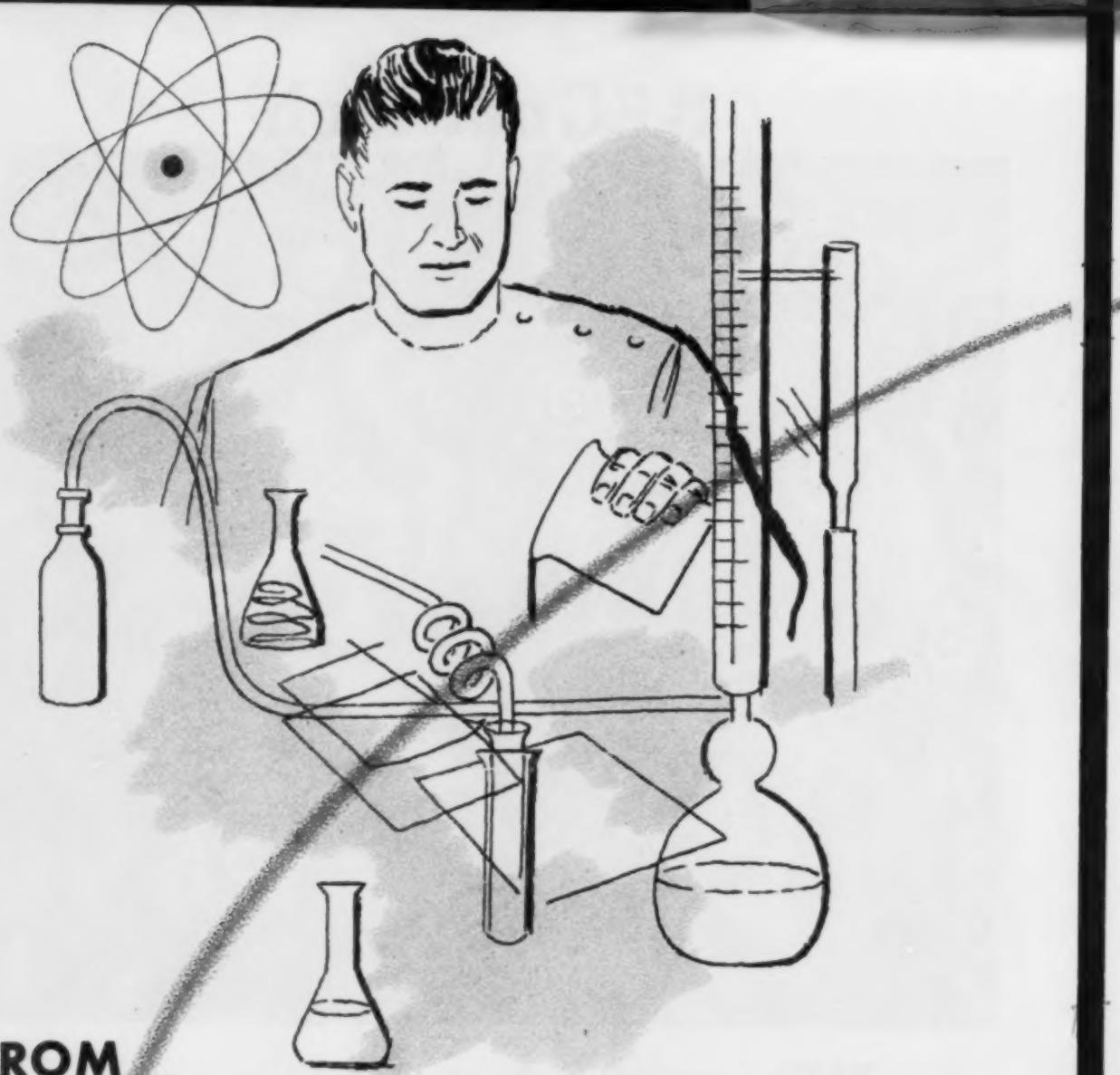
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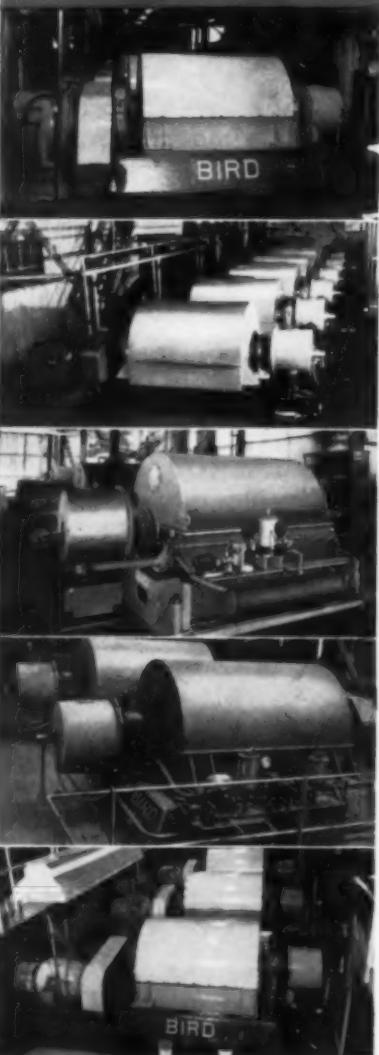
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• Consumption of natural gas and oil, like coal consumption, is hitting new peaks in 1956. This month's lead-off article, beginning on p 54, probes the situation with respect to fuels competition today and tomorrow and what the coal industry must do to increase its total sales.

• An 8-page survey of new types of conveyors for lower-cost coal handling, by Hans von der Recke, describes new horizontal and elevating conveyors now being pioneered abroad which may soon find application in the U. S. See p 77.

• Latest developments in the mechanics and aims of roof bolting, by Ed Thomas of the Bureau of Mines, begins on p 85. Be sure to read this one.

Next month . . .

• In preparation now for next month's issue are a step-by-step procedure for setting up a productive maintenance program and a description of pillar-recovery methods employing small crews operating continuous machines. You may get some supply-handling ideas from the latter article. Also, of course, you'll get fast-reading information on augering, stripping and preparation and a full quota of monthly features.

On our cover

The big radial bin on the cover, designed for raw-coal storage, is fully described in Thomas Fraser's write-up of the Cali plant, p 64.

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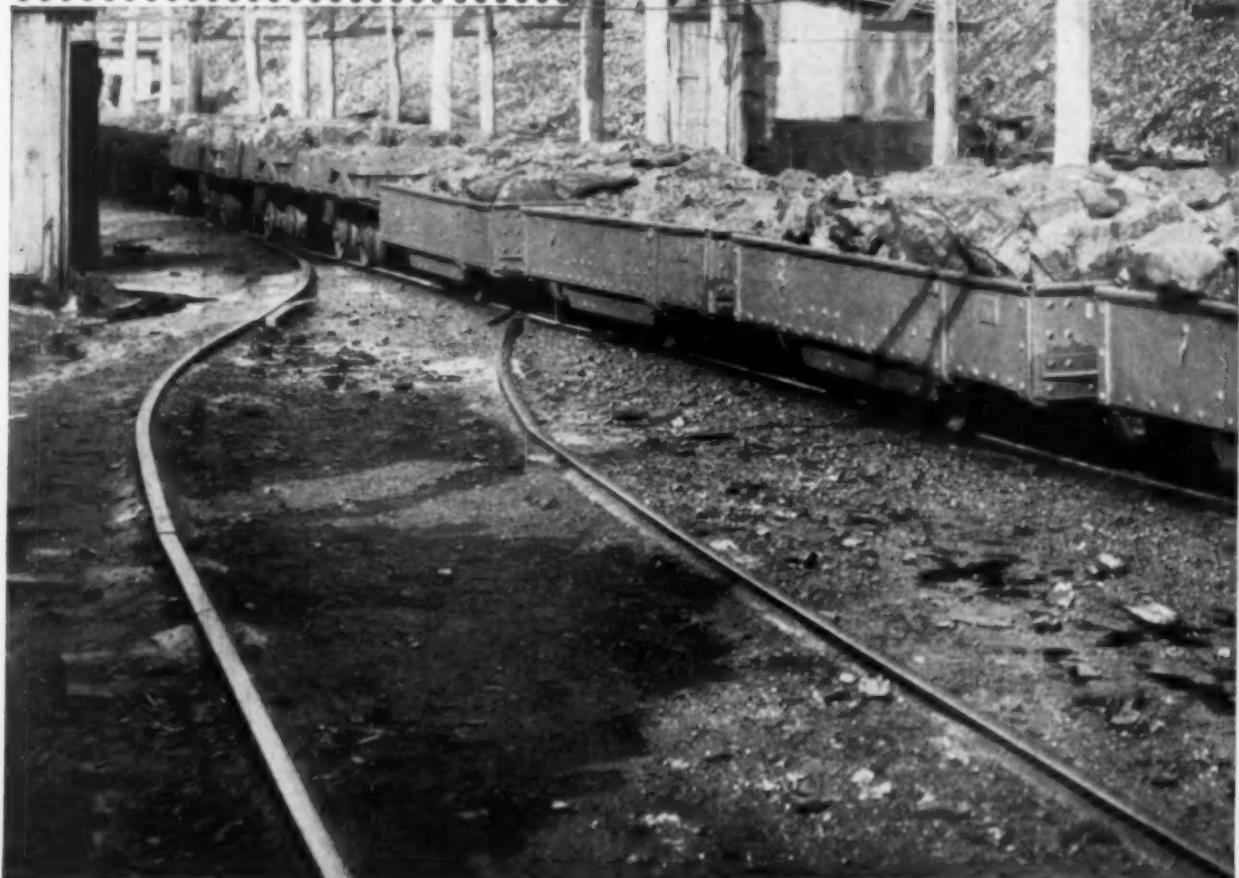
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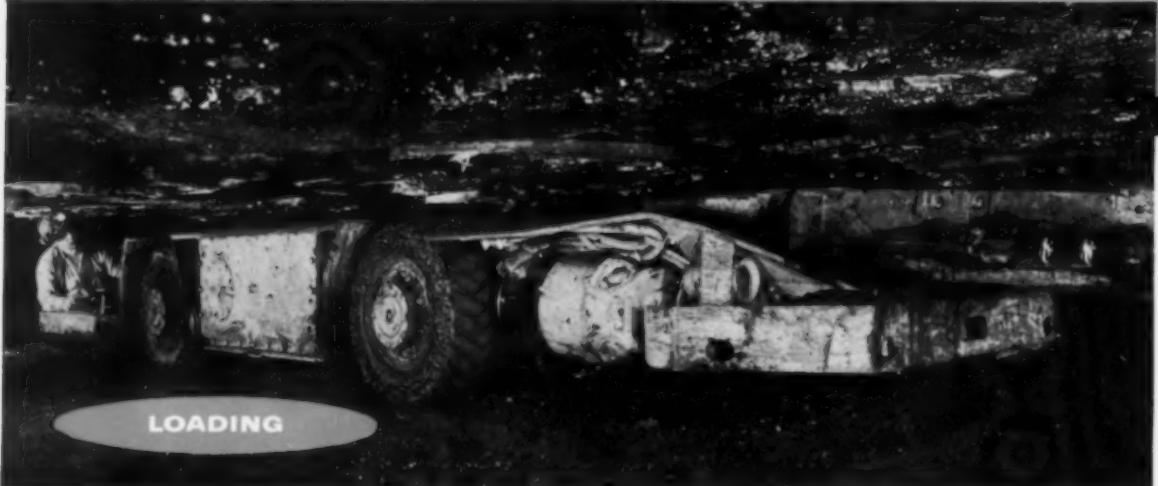
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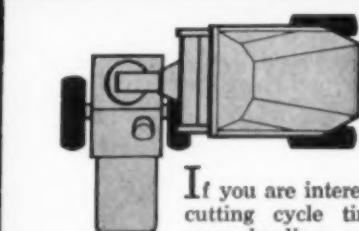


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Improves safety — Multi-disc air brakes have more braking surface on one wheel than most haulers have on all 4. Low center of gravity, good visibility, front-wheel drive, easy control all contribute to maximum safety.

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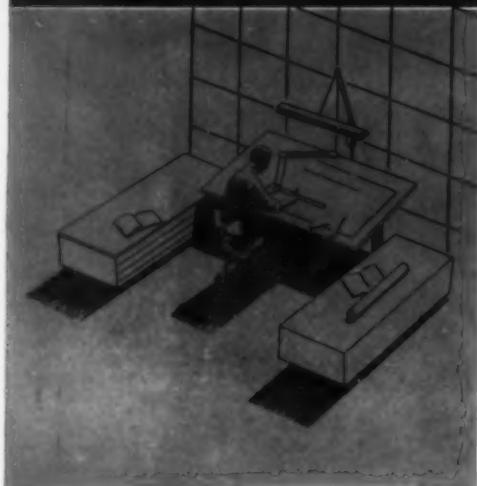
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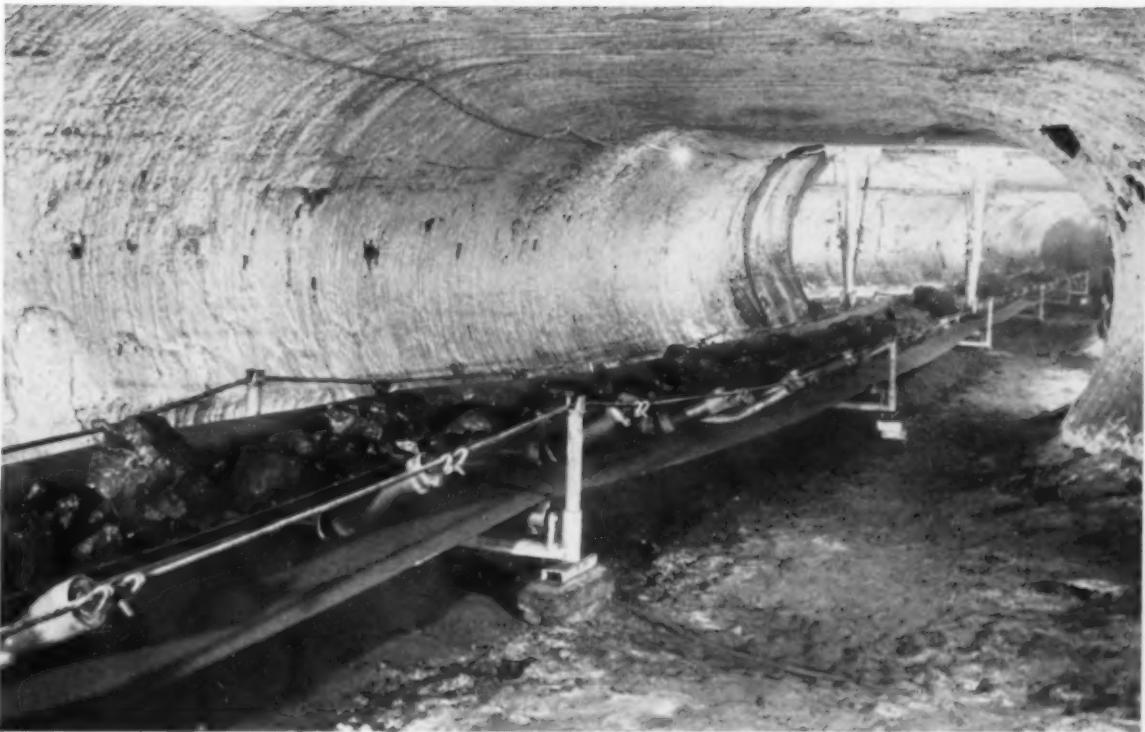
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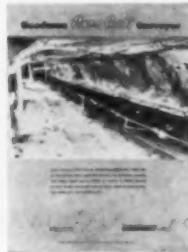
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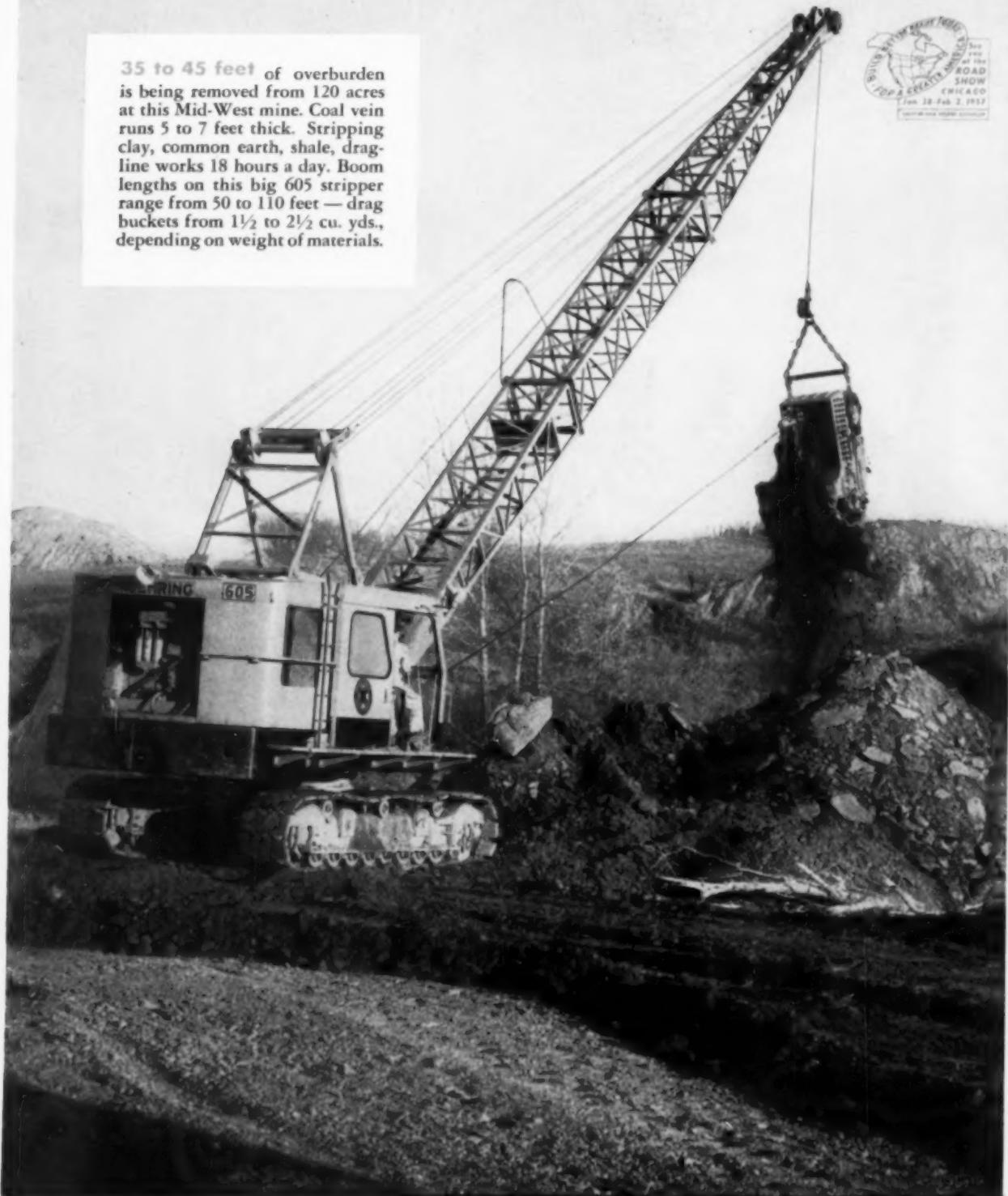
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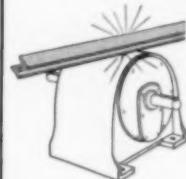
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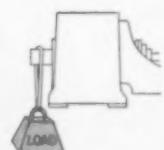
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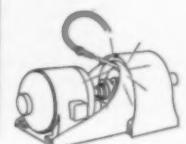
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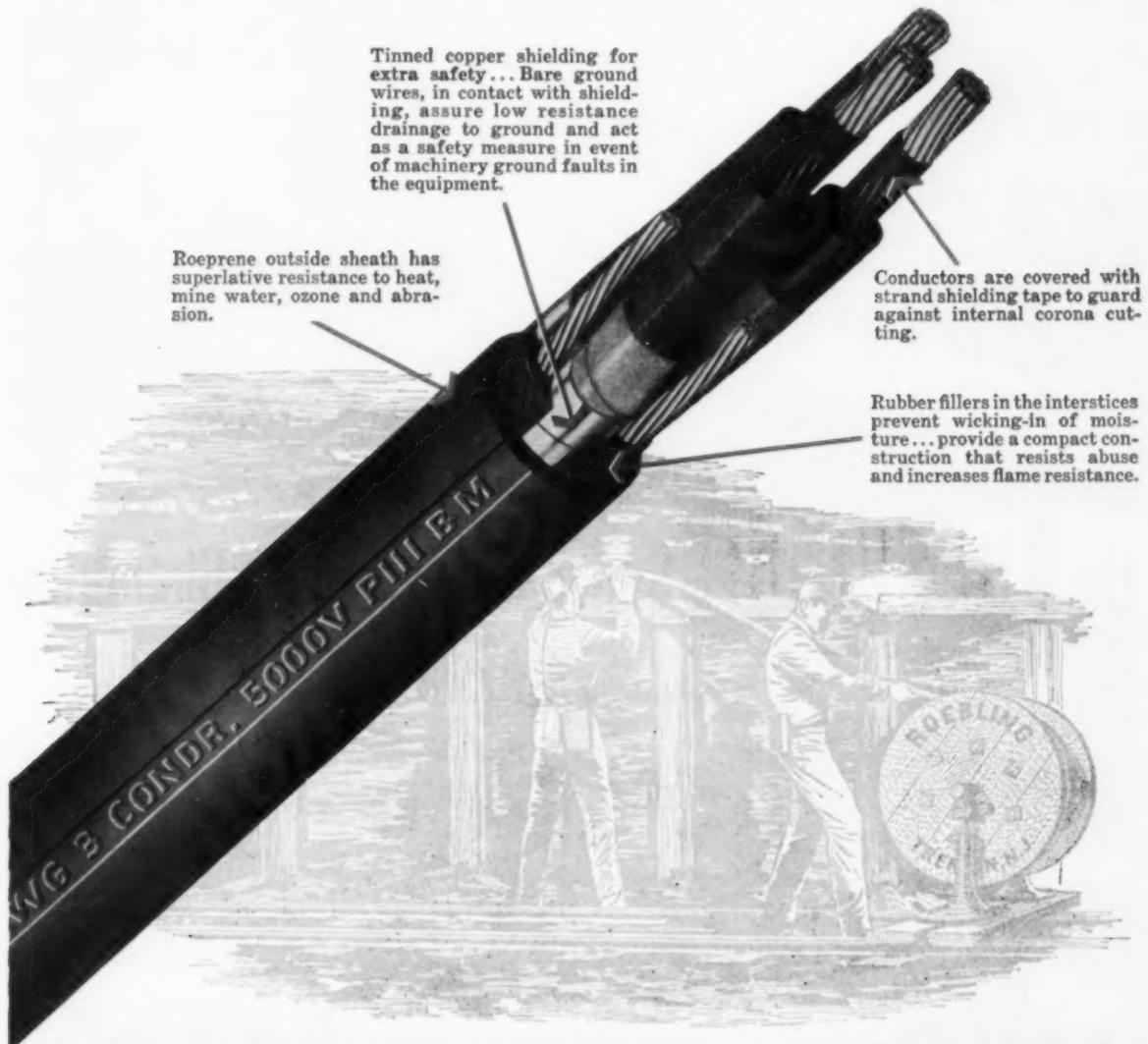
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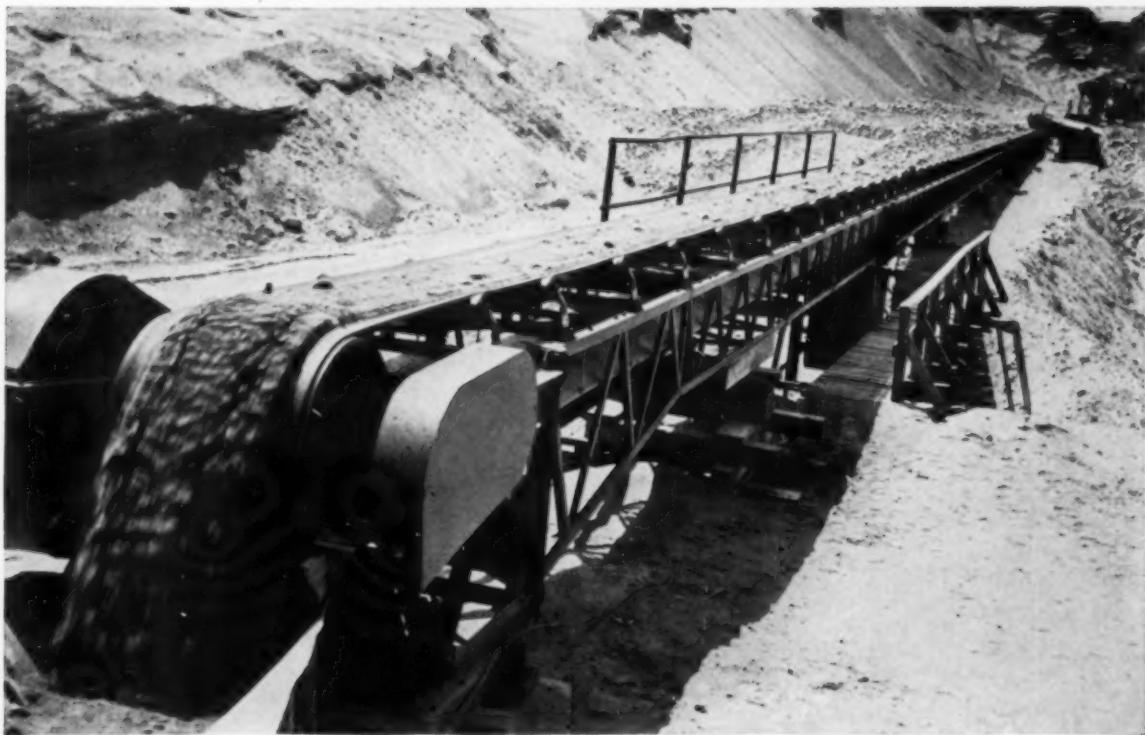
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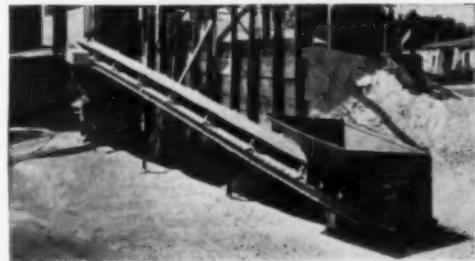
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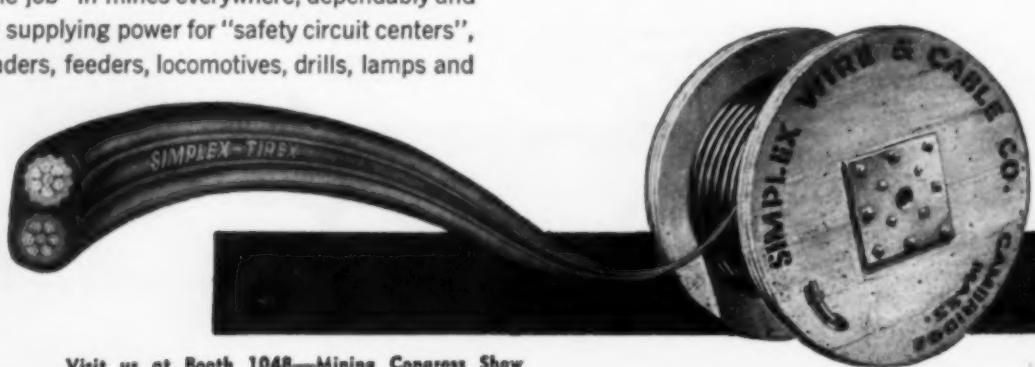
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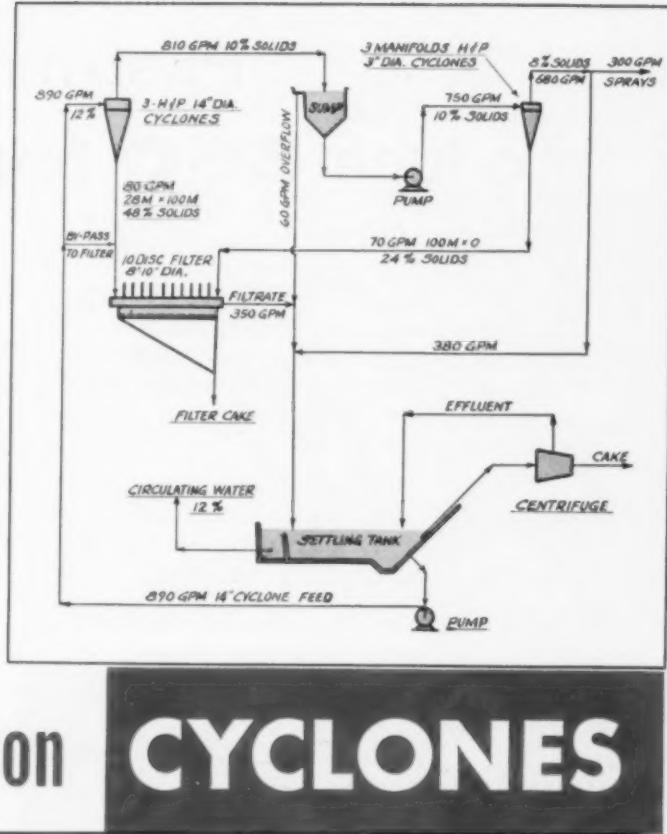
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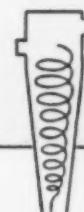
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by either unit.

Average output of each unit is 550 tons per shift. Peak tonnages of 800 per shift have been reached. The pictures and captions tell the performance story of the fast-moving Jeffrey machines which constitute each unit.

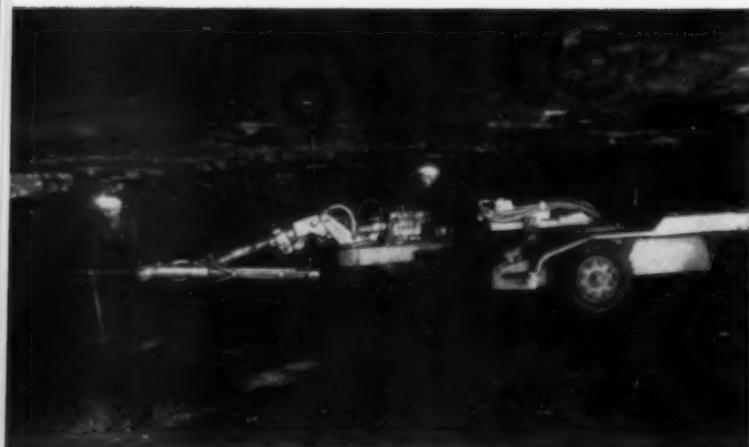
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*Roof
Drilling*

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The 56-RDR Roof Drilling Machines average 125 bolts per shift, with some shifts reaching as high as 170 4-ft bolts. The mine has changed from timbering to roof bolting for increased safety.



*Face
Drilling*

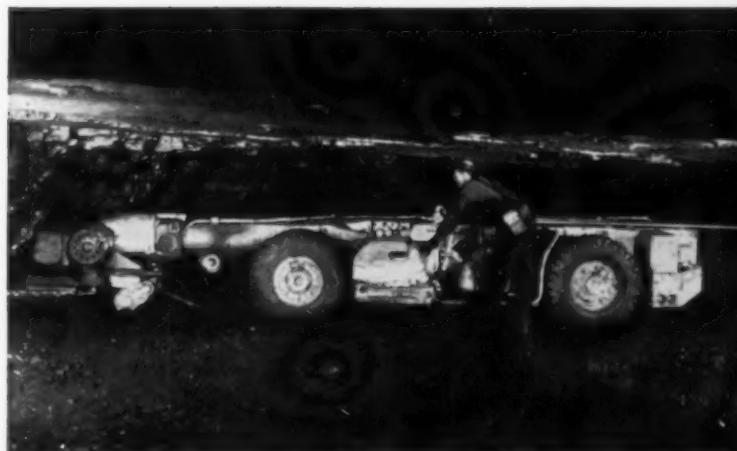
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The 56-FHR Face Drilling Machines provide excellent flexibility, with heads that can be swung by finger tip control for working any place in the face. Drilling range is 7 ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. vertically and 13 ft. 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. horizontally.

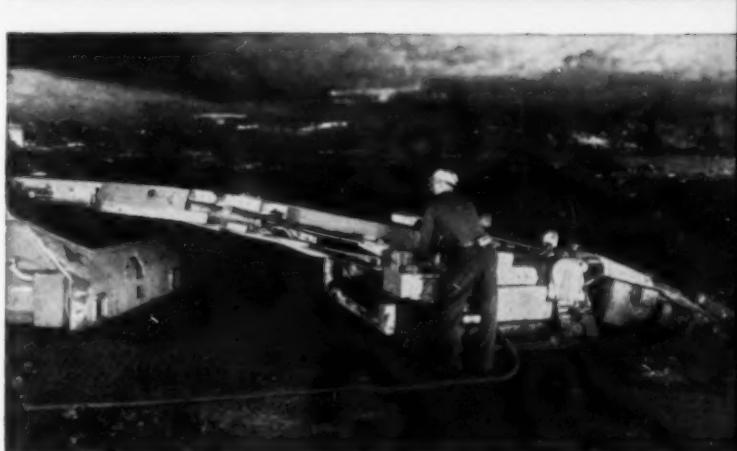
teams for Fairview



The 70-UR Universal Coal Cutters with bug dusters are doing an outstanding under-cutting job at Fairview. Head and cutter bar can be rotated 360° in either direction for any kind of cut, anywhere in the seam. They can make a 30 ft. horizontal cut (using a 9 ft. cutter bar) or a shearing cut 5 ft. 5 in. to either side of center.



Jeffrey 81-A Loaders tram at 137 FPM and can be turned in their own length. The conveyor swings 45° either side of center and elevates to load shuttle cars on the straight or in break-throughs. They are rated at 8 TPM, with maximum of 10 TPM.



Five of these 66-B Shuttle Cars serve the two mining units at Minnehaha Mine. They make fast trips with big payloads from the face direct to mine cars. Features include 4-wheel drive, 4-wheel steering, 4-wheel brakes, hydraulically driven conveyor and cable reel.



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 **JEFFREY**



Because of its superior resistance to corrosion Mayari R high-strength, low-alloy steel was selected for the mine sets in the shaft of this iron-ore mine in the East.

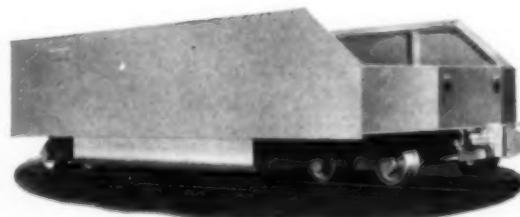
How Mayari R Pays Off in the Mine

Mayari R high-strength, low-alloy steel has a yield point about 50 per cent higher than structural carbon steel. This means that a much stronger structure can be built without adding needless weight or bulk; or weight can be reduced without sacrificing a given strength requirement.

Mayari R resists corrosion far better than carbon steel. And it offers greater resistance to abrasion, battering and piercing—an especially valuable feature in the construction of modern, heavy-duty mine cars.

In the shop, Mayari R can be welded just about as readily as carbon steel, with the same general techniques. It can also be flame-cut, machined, formed and otherwise worked in generally the same manner as plain carbon steel. It has good impact qualities and holds paint exceptionally well.

Catalog 353 contains some 66 pages of technical and illustrative material that should be of help to anyone connected with mine construction or operation. You can get a copy through the Bethlehem district sales office nearest you.



These mine cars, built by Bethlehem, were constructed of Mayari R because of the savings in deadweight made possible by Mayari R's superior strength. Resistance to battering and abrasion also was a factor.

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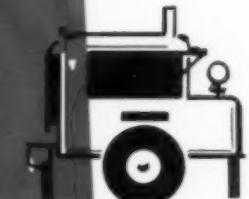
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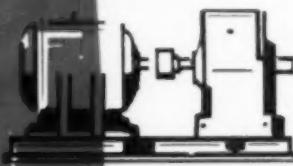
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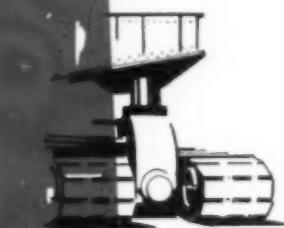
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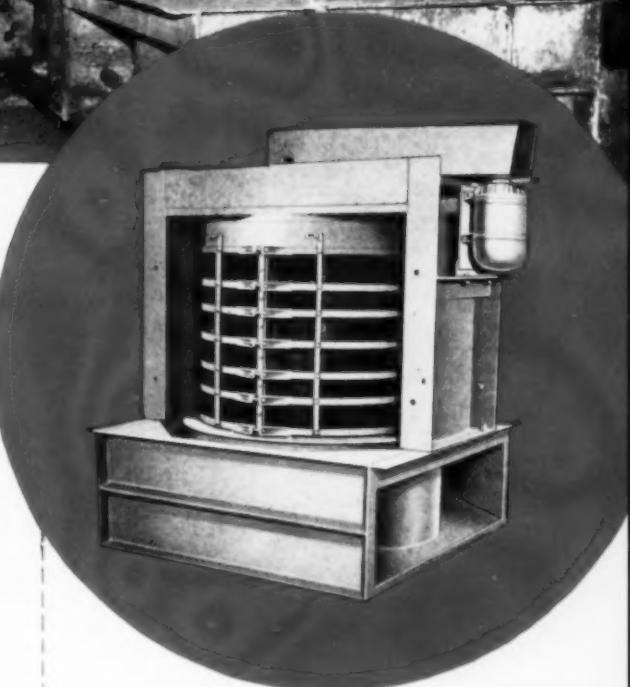
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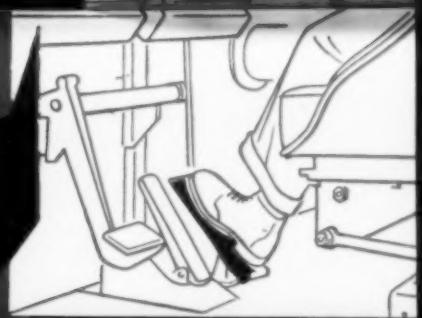
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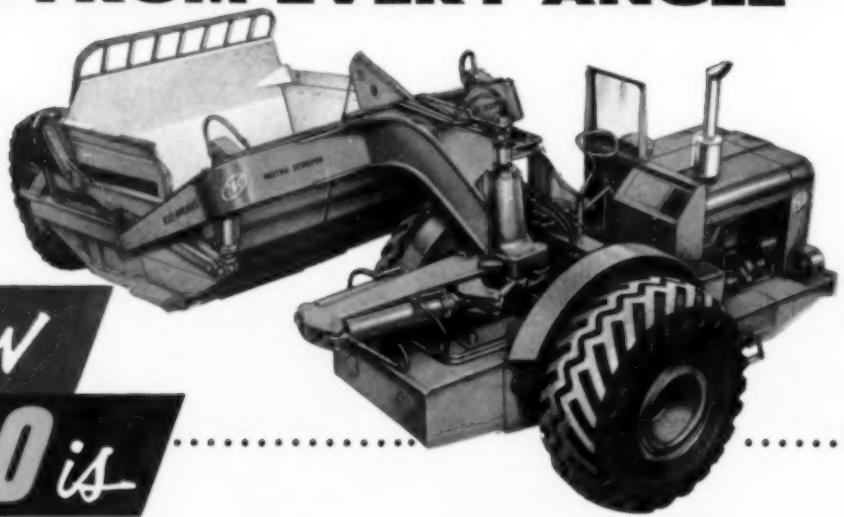
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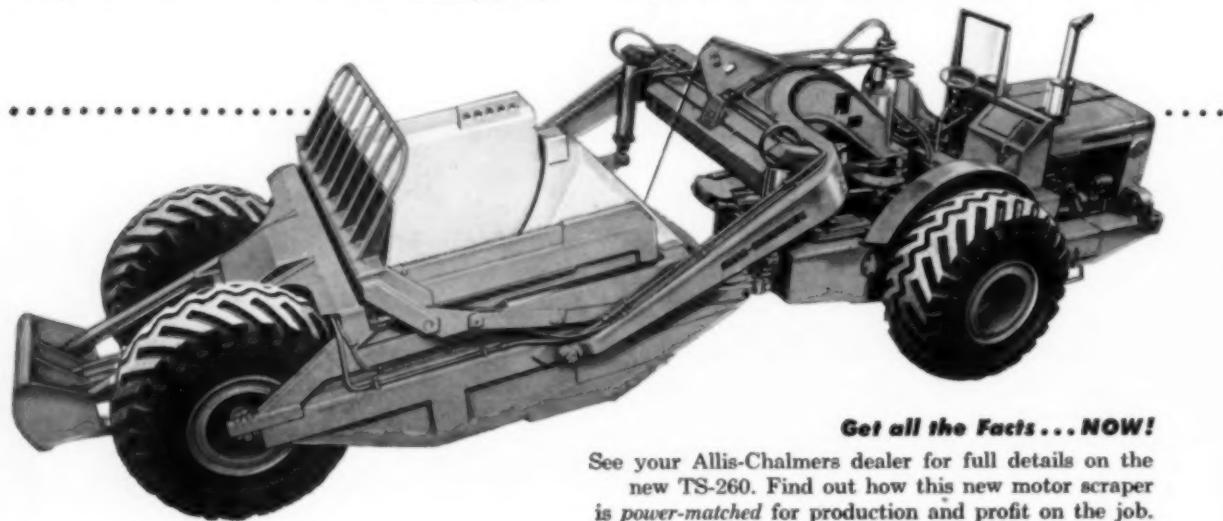
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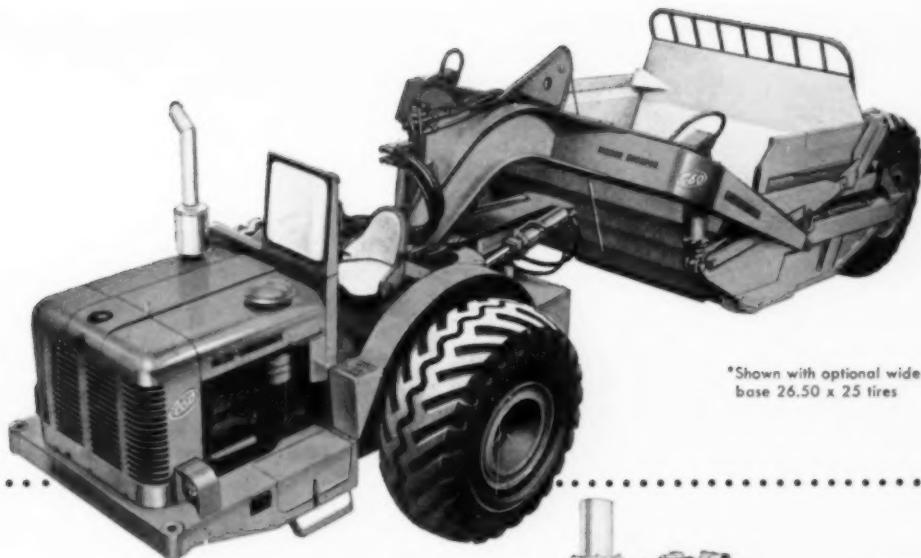
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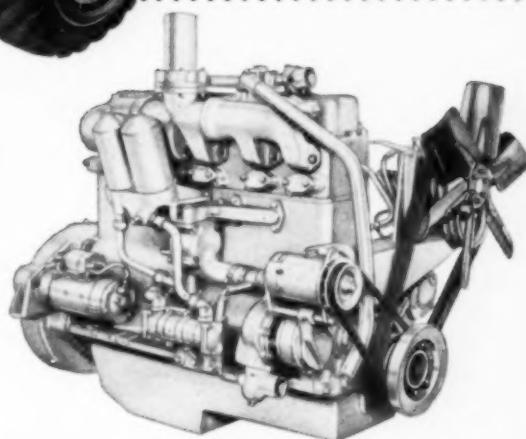


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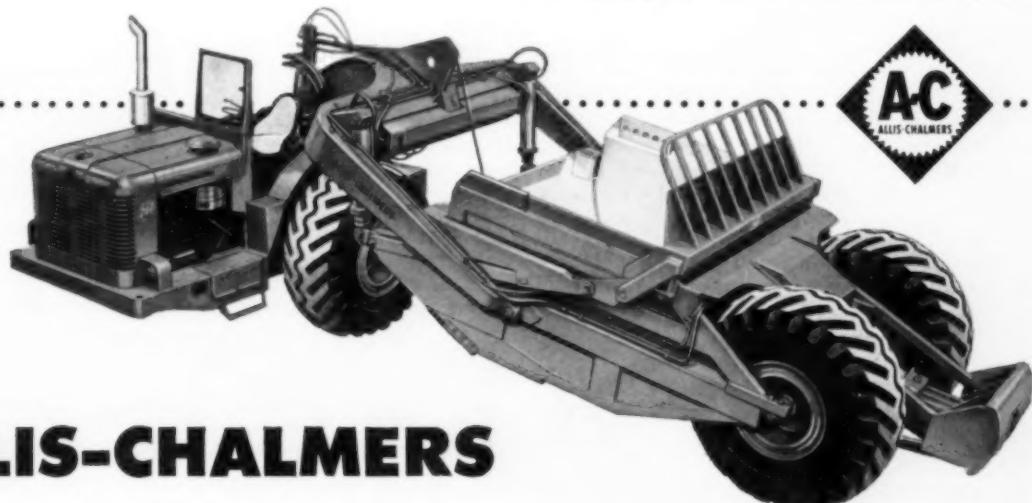
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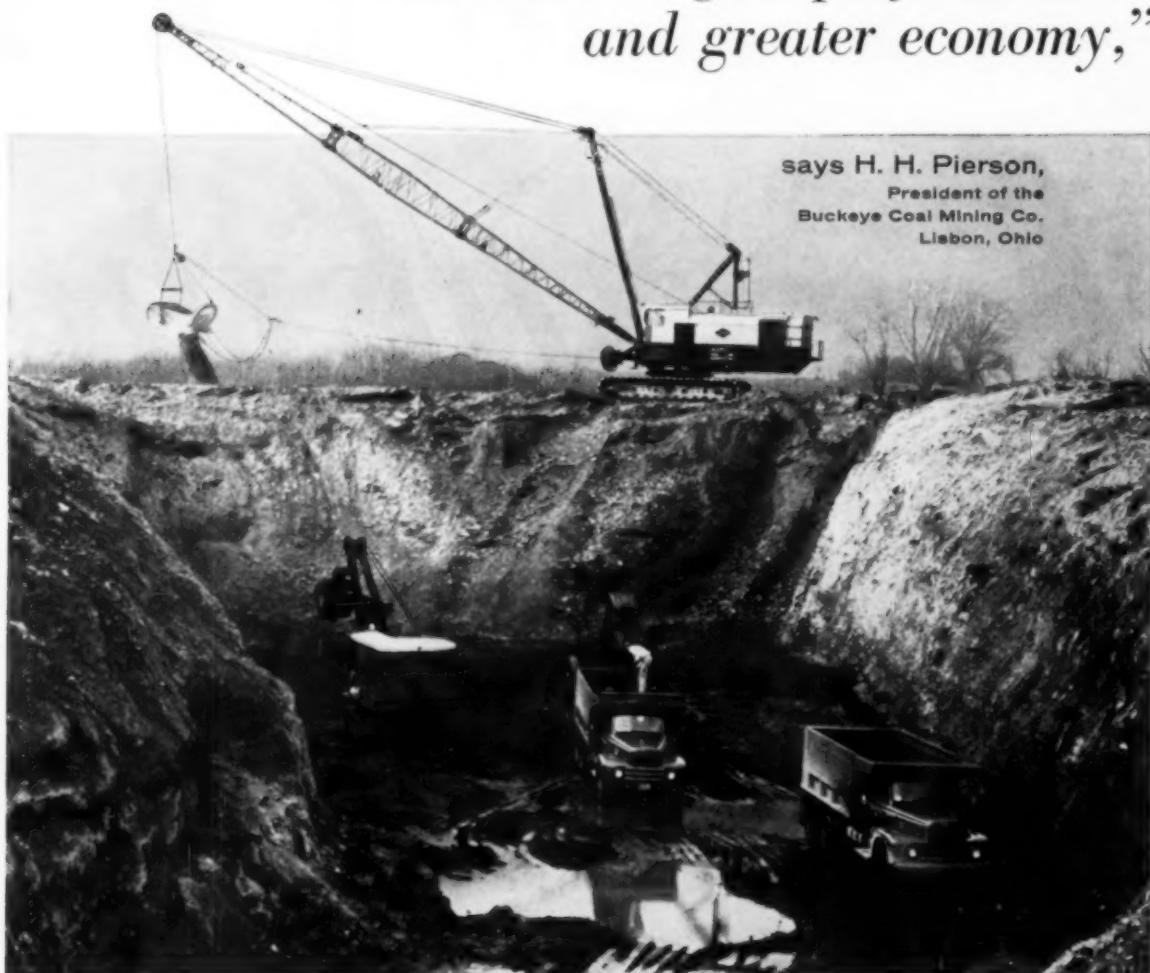
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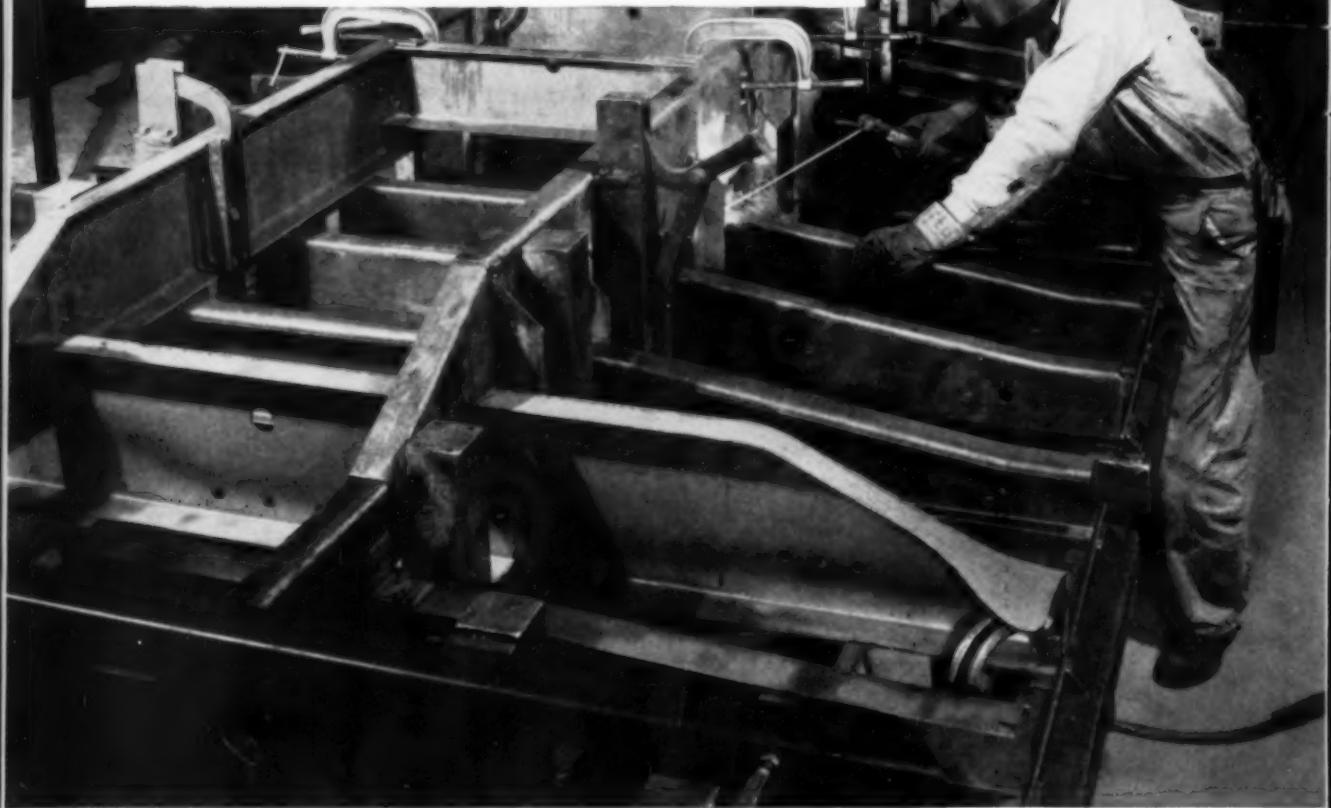
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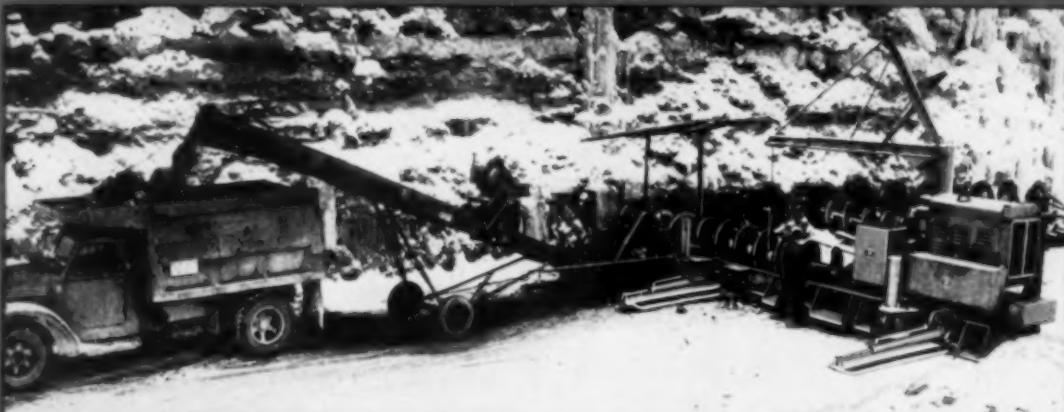
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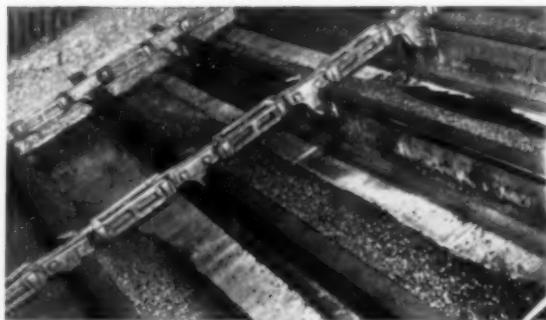
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"THE FUTURE? Good, but not automatic. We will gain in markets and cost improvement in proportion to the time and thought we give to improving both sales and operating methods, and the money we devote to research development." Thus one coal man replied to one question asked by *Coal Age* in a study of industry planning for the years ahead to 1960. That question was: "What is your personal opinion of the coal industry's future?" Since the reply summed up so neatly the basic coal situation, it was natural to lead off this discussion of planning and planning problems with it.

First, however, a full report on the future plans of the coal industry will lead off the September issue of *Coal Age*. Meantime, a sneak preview shows the following: a very high level of capital expenditure and a lot of new mines in the next five years; also, as might be expected, major activity in the installation of new mining and preparation equipment. The goals? One is higher quality of product. Another is a lower-cost product, the latter to be attained by an increase in efficiency. Again, a sneak preview shows that industry executives expect an increase in tons per man in the next five years equal to or greater than in the past five, or more than one-third in tons per man per day.

But this increase, as noted, will not be automatic. The level of planned expenditures is one indication that a real effort will be required. Even with this outlay, major problems remain to be solved and needs to be met. Machine capacity and efficiency were cited by

a big majority of those commenting as leading in these categories. A lesser but still impressive group pointed out that there is an especial need for better or new equipment for the thinner seams, especially continuous miners.

Service looms larger and larger in executive thinking as a result of wider installation of new high-capacity equipment. The need for better mine transportation, at the face and elsewhere, was perhaps the most frequently cited need of all. Scarcely less frequent in mention was the need for better maintenance and the elimination of breakdowns. Other service needs were noted as well, some frequently, but transportation and maintenance are seen as remaining critical for some years to come, with the result that they will continue to demand a heavy share of management and supervisory attention.

When all else is said and done, however, manpower remains the vital ingredient—trained, enthusiastic and enterprising manpower, that is. This is clearly recognized by the industry leaders responding to the *Coal Age* survey, and they properly note the need for higher quality all along the line, as well as the need for greater proficiency in the art of getting things done. One road to these goals is training. Finally, registering the conviction that the future outlook is good, these industry leaders close the circle. In other words, they make it clear that men and management, properly trained and fully conscious of their responsibilities, have an even better opportunity to grow and prosper with a dynamic industry that is on the uptrend.



How Tough Is Competition?

GOING INTO THE HOME STRETCH in '56, coal holds a firm lead, or is gaining advantage, in most markets, where it is competitive with other fuels.

In the utility market, still top dog and edging further ahead of gas and oil, coal's main job is to hold prices down, continue research and improve customer service.

The battle with oil and gas in the retail and industrial markets is tough and will continue tough in the immediate years ahead. But the big boost in '56 shipments to both outlets shows this prospect: an added fighting punch in merchandising equipment and engineering aid might turn the tide more strongly in coal's favor.

Competition is not significant in either steel or export but each market, beset with growth problems, bears close watching for full development.

Diesels, of course, continue to take the lion's

share of the railroad business, relegating coal to an "also-ran" position—at least for a time. However, the coal-fired gas turbine locomotive, within the next 5 to 10 yr, stands a better than fair chance of recovering a major share of this market for coal.

Taking a quick look at long-range competition and opportunities, note particularly that:

1. Coal has little to fear from nuclear power. The Nation's energy needs are expected to rise to such magnitude that atomic power will most likely supplement rather than compete with coal power.

2. Coal is a near-sure bet to find large tonnage use for direct conversion into chemicals, gas, and oil as supplies of natural gaseous and liquid hydrocarbons become scarce.

In more detail, competitive trends, sales opportunities and market needs line up as follows (also see briefing p 56):

Electric Utilities

Competition Now—Minor and declining in practically all territory normally considered accessible to coal. Exceptions are the Rocky Mountain area and the Far Northwest.

Competition Tomorrow—Minor in

coal territory, with additional opportunities opening up in hitherto non-coal areas—Florida, Texas and California, as examples. Atomic power still only a possibility a decade or more in the future—and even then not a probability unless government subsidy provides an advantage.

Coal use by electric utilities in 1956 is moving toward a new peak of 158 million tons, up 12% over 1955. The forecast is based on a coal burn of 65 million tons by utilities during the first 5 mo of 1956. It allows for some slowdown in general industrial activity during the third quarter and

NATURAL GAS AND OIL are moving to new consumption peaks in 1956, despite rising prices and talk of dwindling reserves. Are they still as troublesome to coal as in the past? Will they be less trouble—or more—in the future?

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assumes a fourth quarter at least as good as the first two. The forecast is also based on an increasingly favorable competitive situation defined by John W. Evers, president, Commonwealth & Edison Co. before the NCA convention in June, as follows:

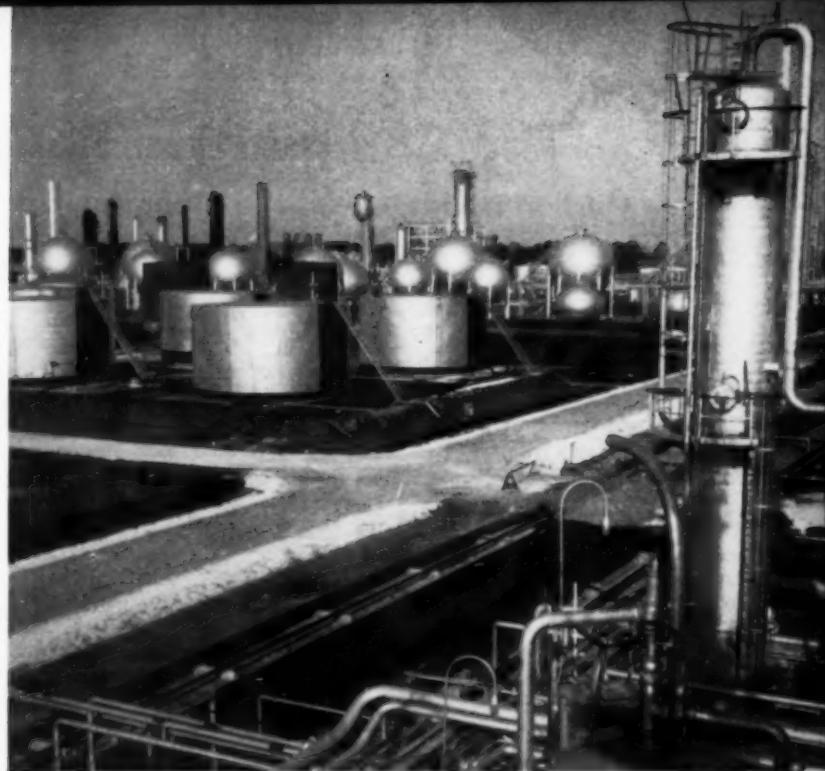
"Competing fuels are becoming more costly, and, in the case of gas, less available for boiler fuel. Coal is abundant and operators have done a fine job of holding down coal prices. If these trends continue, coal is certain to get a bigger and bigger share of the fuel orders from our power companies.

"Both oil and gas prices have been rising. With exploration and production costs edging still higher, the upward price trend in all likelihood will continue . . . If present trends continue, oil and gas may both be priced out of the electric energy market."

FPC figures support Mr. Evers' analysis. For the 12-mo period ending April 30, 1956, these show that utilities burn 22.7% more coal but only 8% more oil and 0.1% more gas than in the 12 mo period ending April 30, 1955.

Mr. Evers added that "hydroelectric facilities will account for a decreasing portion of our total power requirements. This has been in evidence for the past 15 yr. It should be accelerated in the years ahead."

Nothing new has entered the atomic power picture to change the *Coal Age* forecast of January, 1956 (p 54) that:



1. If the country's electric power needs are to be met in 1975, annual coal use for power by that time must climb to 430 million tons, or three times 1955 usage.

2. Atomic energy may never be competitive with coal and other fossil fuels because the country's energy needs beyond 1975 are expected to rise to such magnitude that there will be (a) more energy tasks than fuel supplies, and (b) greater use specialization and mutual dependence among fuels.

Although coal has a highly favored position in the electric power market, Mr. Evers cautioned the industry not to "just sit back and wait for orders to pour in. It will have to work for them. It will have to pay more attention to servicing its customers—to making good on its representations with respect to Btu values, shipments, type and quality of coal. It will have to continue its programs of research, modernization and mechanization to hold down costs and prices. This (effort) must include a continuous guard against rising transportation costs which, in recent years, have all but nullified the success of the coal industry's own efforts."

The utilities head also urged coal to reinforce its fine record in the past few years for continuity of production. "A guarantee of steady coal supplies could lift a heavy financial burden from the shoulders of power companies." Large reserves must now

be maintained to guard against possible interruptions in supply such as occurred prior to Korea because of labor difficulties both at the mines and on the railroads.

Steel and Chemicals

Competition Now—None from other fossil fuels in the steel, foundry and smelting industries; tough from petroleum and natural gas in many segments of the chemical field. For that relatively small tonnage of coke still sold as home, commercial or industrial fuel, the competition is the same as with coal—tough in the home market and less difficult though still tough in the others. The same applies to the also relatively small tonnage of both coal and coke used to make gas.

Competition Tomorrow—Since there is no known substitute for coke in smelting iron ore, coke will grow with the steel industry in the future, though the rate per ton of pig will be cut by higher efficiency in the future. Coal in the form of coke also will be used for pelletizing taconite, sintering of ore, and for the extraction of other metals from their ores—some old and some new.

Coal as coal or after charring or coking has a good chance of getting back into the gas market to augment the natural supply or take over in areas where cost rises make the natural product too expensive. Coal also has

The Competitive Roundup . . .

Market Trends . . . Sales Opportunities . . . Market Needs

Utility—Still climbing, gaining over gas and oil, but no sinecure. Needed: better customer service, continued research, cheaper transportation.

Steel and Chemicals—Steady in '56. Growth and changes ahead. Note steel's drive to record low coke rate over next 10 yr (*Coal Age*, May, 1956, p 54). Watch opportunities in process steam. Needed: more sales, technical and market research.

Industrial—A good bet to become second biggest outlet in '56. Ripe for sales push. Competition weakening. Needed: harder-hitting merchandising and engineering aid, more market data.

Retail—Bottom hit, bouncing back. Still tough-going ahead with gas, oil may level off. Needed:

stepped-up effort to sell story of modern equipment, more market data. Watch electric space heating and gasification of coal.

Export—Shipments high, rising. American Coal Shipping, Inc., props permanency. Ocean freight costs down but biggest job still ahead. Needed: wider industry backing of ACS; action to provide more ships, improve port facilities, guarantee quality coal.

Railroad—Down slightly again but future promising. BCR's locomotive nears production model stage. Early cost data shows savings over diesel operation. Needed: positive view, broader thinking on long-range prospects; push on BCR locomotive and electrification.

the possibility of serving as the raw material for liquid-fuel production, but the prospects are definitely long-term. Meantime, however, charring or coking will grow as a basis for chemical production.

Operating at near capacity, steel output was running at an annual rate of 126 million tons by the end of June, 1956. However, most industry analysts—weighing the effects of the summer strike and the expected slowdown in third-quarter steel demand—figure that by the year's end the total will match but not beat 1955's record production of 117 million tons. The upshot: coke ovens in 1956 should use 114 million tons of coal (the same amount as in 1955) to supply the needs of the steel, gas and chemical industries.

Although steel will suffer some setback in 1956, the industry is gearing for expansion unprecedented in its history. During the next 3 yr, steel companies have announced plans to increase present capacity (128 million tons) by 15 million tons. Over the next 15 yr, estimates indicate that new capacity should average 4 million tons a year or total 60 million tons.

The projected 60-million ton jump in steel output capacity will undoubtedly bring a considerable increase in the demand for coking coals. But coal management should take serious note of this fact: the increase in demand for coking coals will not parallel the increase in pig iron production, as has been the historic pattern. An integral part of steel's long range expansion program will be a strong push

toward a record low coke rate. In other words, for every ton of pig iron produced today, blast furnace operators need an average of 1,750 lb of coke. During the next 10 yr, steel men anticipate that the coke rate will drop to 1,300 lb at the most efficient furnaces. It will probably average out across the industry at 1,500 lb (*Coal Age*, May, 1956, p 55).

The decline in the coke rate—slower in the immediate years ahead—will pick up momentum in 1959. By that time, planned techniques for boosting blast furnace output up to 25% (*Coal Age*, May, 1956, pp 58-59) should start to show real gains.

The steel industry's drive for fuel economy and gains in blast furnace output points to an urgent need for:

1. Keeping abreast of the carbonizing requirements of the steel industry. More intensive, continuing sales and technical research is indicated. In particular, watch the trends to lower grade and blended coking coals, sintering and pelletizing.

2. Investigating the prospects of converting steam-raising coals into briquettes or other forms suitable for direct use in the blast furnace. One of the largest bituminous producers has already reported progress on the development of such a tailor-made blast furnace fuel.

3. Re-evaluating domestic and export markets for metallurgical coals. This doesn't mean selling domestic customers short. But a major dip in the steel industry's coke rate might open the way to supply greater quantities of coking coals to the fast-grow-

ing permanent, overseas market.

4. Checking new or growing market opportunities in steel. By 1980, for example, the annual production of taconite pellets is expected to reach 40 million tons. Power for processing this output will require more than 1.5 million tons of bituminous coal.

"Process steam consumption is another item that seems to be growing," Charles R. Hook, chairman, Armco Steel Corp., told the NCA Convention in June, 1956. "The coal industry can gain a lot of ground here where it is competitive with other fuels. Armco's Middletown plant has doubled its process steam consumption within the last 5 yr." Mr. Hook also pointed to the tremendous growth in steel's power requirements:

"In 1955, the industry consumed 34,838,000,000 kwhr of electricity—a record year. The proposed 15-million ton increase in steelmaking capacity (over the next 3 yr) will boost the industry's power needs by more than 11%, adding another 3 billion kwhr to the total load."

The phenomenal growth of the chemical industry is expected to continue in the years ahead. And this means a sustained demand for coke chemicals. But coal management should keep a close eye on the direct production of chemicals from coal, which offers still greater potentials. Speaking on the subject at the June NCA Convention, Dr. Joseph Davidson, vice president, Union Carbide & Carbon Corp., said:

"It will probably be another year or so before we can finally run up the

flag again (on commercial hydrogenation of coal), but I think by that time we will be able to do it." The minimum-size hydrogenation plant should process 1,000 tpd of coal; the maximum size may handle 3,000 to 6,000 tpd, Mr. Davidson indicated.

Processes for the conversion of coal to gas and oil have been developed and proven technically feasible. As a matter of fact, the world's first large-scale synthetic-oil-from-coal plant was opened in South Africa early last year (*Coal Age*, September, 1955, p 54). Conversion processes will be used commercially in this country and involve large tonnages of coal—perhaps within 25 yr—if and when the depletion of oil and gas supplies makes such use economically attractive. Discussing gas from coal, E. S. Pettyjohn, vice president and director, Institute of Gas Technology, said (*Coal Age*, March, 1955, p 55):

"The development of economic coal-conversion processes will not only give us an additional supply of low-cost gas immediately but, since the reserves of coal are many times those of oil and gas, will insure an unlimited gas supply."

Also in the chemicals picture, is Pitt Consol's low-temperature carbonization process reported ready for commercial use last year. As development on this process advances, coal carbonization plants are expected to form the basis of expansion in chemical refining operations and open a new, large tonnage market for coal.

Industrial

Competition Now—Tough to mild, depending on type, size and location of industry. One of the toughest areas is represented by consumers that can use the so-called packaged boiler. These include smaller industrial plants and such commercial establishments as greenhouses and laundries.

Competition Tomorrow—Definite trend toward easing as a result of higher competition fuel prices. Process can be accelerated by more engineering merchandising and service, and increased effort on the development of modern coal- and ash-handling equipment, including packaged units.

Last year the biggest surprise in market growth was export. This year it could easily be the industrial market. Sales to this group soared to 49.1 million tons during the first 5 mo of 1956 (including 3.9 million tons to cement mills). At this pace, 23% ahead of the corresponding 1955 period, the group had nearly overtaken the steel market. By year's end,

the group seems a good bet to become coal's second most important outlet.

The fast pace in the growth of the industrial market during the first 5 mo of 1956 is due partly to an 11% jump in use by cement mills. But, most of the boost stems from the miscellaneous group, "other industrials," which makes up about 91% of shipments to industrial plants other than steel and electric power.

Coal should have smooth sailing ahead in the cement market. Competition is slight here since coal is usually preferred to other fuels in making cement. Further, the boom in construction activity shows no signs of slowing down. If anything, as the new \$33 billion Federal highway construction program gets into operation, it will be a major factor in sustaining and boosting the boom.

Where coal has its toughest problem and, at the same time, one of its biggest opportunities is in planning sales to the great mystery group of plants making up "other industrials." The problem is tough because there has never been any breakdown on shipments to this group. It has, however, long since passed the position of being a polygot category to which the industry should give only a casual nod.

Individual producers have picked up their miscellaneous industrial customers over the years because most of these customers have virtually knocked on the back door. As a result, the individual producer's knowledge of "other industrials" is confined to his own list of customers which more or less fit into this category. He has no way of knowing the components of the group for the industry at large. And he has little or no basis for setting up a comprehensive campaign to expand sales to this major coal market. Here's what it all adds up to:

Individual producers and the industry at large should make an all-out attack to dispel the mysteries of "other industrials." High on the agenda should be industry-wide backing of NCA's effort to get the USBM to provide more adequate statistical data on bituminous shipments (*Coal Age*, July, 1956, p 145), and to the development of accurate knowledge of just who the possible consumers are, where they are located, and what they can use in coal, equipment and service.

No less important, companies should see to it that salesmen team up more closely with fuel engineers and trade associations to sell the technical and economic merits of modern coal-burning equipment (*Coal Age*, June, 1956, p 138). In many cases, well-timed engineering aid can prevent conver-

sions from, or effect conversions to coal. Too many plants base estimates of coal fuel costs on antiquated equipment.

The time for developing "other industrials" could hardly be riper. The rapid growth in the total for the group fairly screams its unexplored opportunities and potentials. Also, evidence mounts here that the fabric of competition from gas and oil is weakening. The NCA Market Promotion Department, for example, receives more and more reports from various parts of the country that oil-fired package boilers are failing to do a good job:

"I will never get a packaged oil-fired unit again," said a plant manager to Joseph Mullan, manager of NCA's region No. 2 (based in Gloucester, N. J.). "We have now bought a conventional water-tube boiler to replace the existing package unit." Although this unit (a 300 hp oil-fired package unit burning No. 6 oil) is only one year old, it had numerous shutdowns due to tube failures.

Reports have come in from many other areas about trouble with heavy fuel oil on packaged oil-fired boilers. William D. Robinson, manager, region No. 2 (based in Paterson, N. J.), has noticed frequent difficulties in oil-fired plants in his area. An engineer in Washington, D. C., reports heavy deposits in the furnace tube at the point where the flame impinges on the metal. Harold Mays, manager, region No. 12 (based in Salt Lake City, Utah), says that in Dillon, Mont., sulphur and other impurities in heavy oil cause so much difficulty that a light fuel oil had to be burned. This experience, and the added fuel cost, prevented the threatened conversion from coal to oil at a county court house and a county farm in that state.

The reasons for this widespread trouble is traced to two causes: (1) low quality residual oils contain too much sulphur and vanadium for effective combustion, and (2) the much higher heat transfer rate usually associated with packaged oil-fired units leads to deterioration of metal heating surfaces and thus to loss in heating efficiency.

NCA's Market Promotion Department makes this added comment: "When comparing the initial cost of conventional steel fire-box boilers with oil-fired packaged boilers it is important that the comparison be made on a basis of heating surface and not horsepower. Packaged boilers are frequently chosen because, on a basis of the manufacturer's rated output, their initial cost is sometimes lower than that of standard fire-box type boilers. The rated or catalogue output means nothing unless the amount of heating

surface is considered. When compared on the basis of equal heating surface, and dependable continuous steam output, the standard steel fire-box type boiler with stoker, controls, etc. has an equal or lower initial cost than the packaged boiler. In view of the trend to rate packaged boilers on the same basis as steel fire-box boilers there is no longer any advantage in the initial cost of oil-fired packaged boilers. In most cases, therefore, coal offers not only lower operating costs but also lower initial costs."

Retail

Competition Now—Tough, but easing slightly.

Competition Tomorrow—Still more easing but continuing tough for quite a while to come. Nevertheless, there is good reason to expect a rising trend in retail deliveries.

"It is our carefully studied conclusion that the domestic market has just about hit its bottom and should now have a gradual turn upward,"—David L. Francis, president, Princess Elkhorn Coal Co., stated at the meeting of the Mine Inspectors Institute of America in June (*Coal Age*, July, 1956, p. 154). This conclusion—from the head of a company which last year sold a premium domestic fuel to 100,000 homes in the U. S. and Canada—seems amply borne out by the statistical record. During the first 5 mo of 1956, deliveries by retail dealers exceeded 28 million tons—a 27% jump over the corresponding 1955 period.

The 1956 boost in deliveries is most encouraging. It does not, however, mean a proportionate drop in competition from oil and gas or a proportionate increase in the number of new domestic outlets. An unusually severe winter no doubt brought greater coal use by each existing coal customer. Also, an undefinable percentage of the 1956 boost is due to increased deliveries to "off-track" and commercial installations which show up to some extent in USBM's retail classification.

The safest bet for coal is to figure that competition with both oil and natural gas remains tough in the home heating market. And there is no indication yet that this competition will not continue severe, particularly in the case of natural gas. If there is any tendency to think otherwise about gas, consider these reports from the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association:

1. Sales by the gas equipment industry edged up in May, posting a 6.9% gain over the corresponding 1955 month.

2. For the first 5 mo of 1956, shipments of forced-warm-air and gravity-type gas furnaces totaled 286,000, or 5.8% more than in the corresponding 1955 period.

At the very least, however, realists would have to agree on this: the rising trend in gas and oil prices plus the advent of improved, automatic coal-burning equipment has set the stage for an upward movement in the retail coal market, both in total sales and in number of customers. The industry must capitalize on this opportunity by:

1. Taking the story of modern coal-heating equipment to old customers and prospects. Increased awareness of this need has already upped bituminous use in large office buildings, apartment houses, schools and hotels. Also worth noting: during the first 4 mo of 1956, sales of complete, automatic anthracite furnaces were 43% ahead of the same 1955 period.

2. Offering complete merchandising and engineering service to customers and prospects such as that extended by NCA's Market Promotion Dept. Anthracite, too, is making similar efforts through the Operation Home Improvement Program.

3. Expediting research on automatic equipment which will give customers the same cleanliness and convenience as other fuels. Paving the way are several improved residential stokers—the Campbell Stoker, the Combustioneer, the Stokermatic and the Coal-O-Matic.

4. Documenting the market. This means preparing detailed lists of existing customers and prospects for use in mail promotion and contact sales campaigns.

5. Developing indirect and alternative ways of getting coal into residential and commercial buildings as through electric space heating.

Both electric utilities and electric equipment manufacturers are stepping up their programs to promote electric space heating. Utilities' interest stems first from the availability of power in a number of areas where it has been short in recent postwar years; second, from their desire to balance their summer air-conditioning peak load with a similar winter peak load. *Electrical Merchandising*, a McGraw-Hill publication, reported as follows in January, 1956:

"A steady growing market is anticipated for electric space heaters. The same is true of built-ins (bathroom types, in-wall installations, mounted-panel types and radiant glass units) as new models are introduced, lines shortened, and electric heating of all types becomes more and more popular."

The use of the heat pump, still relatively small on the space heating scene, has a big, long-range potential. The market now has its main stronghold in Florida, California, Texas, Alabama, Louisiana, and other states where warm air is readily available for most of the year as a heat source. The heat pump has a high efficiency rating and has the additional advantage of being a year-round installation. In winter, it can be used for heating and in summer for air conditioning.

The same advantages could be more widely exploited in "cold" states if heat sources, other than warm air, can be developed more satisfactorily. At the present time, heat pump installations are usually made in "cold" states with auxiliary radiant or resistance heating elements. However, this system is not generally considered cheap enough for penetrating the mass market.

Research is active and promising on the development of lower-cost systems. In June, 1956, *Electrical Construction and Maintenance*, a McGraw-Hill publication, reported the installation of two multistage compression heat pumps which can operate economically with air-source temperature at freezing or below. As such heat pump systems become more available, electric space heating might possibly bring a major recovery of the space heating market for coal.

Still another trump reserved for play in the retail market: gasify coal at the mines and transmit it through existing pipeline systems. This may not come for two or three decades. But it bears close watching. The possibility of at least a partial "marriage" of the petroleum and natural gas industries with coal increases as the discovery of new reserves of petroleum and natural gas fails to keep ahead of their growing consumption.

Export

Competition Now—Minor in coal's principal foreign markets—Canada, Europe and South America.

Competition Tomorrow—Little if any greater in the next decade or so.

In an action unique in coal's history, exporting and producing companies, the UMWA and two major export-coal carrying railroads joined forces in June to form American Coal Shipping, Inc. This action—aimed initially at controlling ocean freight costs—provided the industry with the means of protecting a thriving overseas business moving toward 42 million tons in 1956. Total export, including possibly 18 million tons to Canada, should hit 60 million

tons for the year. (The Organization for European Economic Cooperation sees Europe's demand for U. S. coal reaching 55 million tons by 1975. The total export market could ultimately soar to 100 million tons, Walter J. Tuohy, president, Chesapeake & Ohio Ry., stated at the June meeting of the Coal Exporters Association of the United States, *Coal Age*, July, 1956, p 146.)

Some observers claim that ACS was formed to whip private shipping companies into lowering their ocean freight rates. This may be an apparent effect (the basic rate from Norfolk to Rotterdam fell \$1.50 per ton from May to early July). And the extent to which shipping companies lower their rates should certainly be a factor in determining how far ACS takes to the ocean in direct operation or leasing of ships. But the immediate cause for the formation of ACS was the constant upward trend in ocean freight rates (the basic rate jumped from \$7.25 per ton in May, 1955, to \$11 per ton in May, 1956). As a result, customer resistance to the high delivered price of U. S. coal showed some signs of stiffening which, if allowed to snowball, could possibly bring these results (*Coal Age*, June, 1956, p 55):

1. Southern producers, who now export about 90% of American coal, would be left without a market for up to possibly one-third of their tonnage.

2. Distress coal, possibly as much as 35 to 40 million tons, would hit the domestic market with an inevitable depression of domestic prices and profits.

The decision to set up ACS marked the formal acceptance of the export market as permanent by a large segment of the coal industry. But the infant corporation's biggest job-getting objectives underway—is still ahead. Fulfillment of objectives will depend in no small degree on more industry-wide acceptance of the export market as the new, major permanent outlet for bituminous. "Doubting Thomases" might recall from "U. S. Coal Props World Prosperity" (*Coal Age*, March, 1956, p 55) that:

The permanency of the export market is not seriously challenged by any upsurge in the consumption of oil, gas and hydro-power. Competitive power sources will contribute considerably to rising energy demands. But they will not generally affect coal's solid future overseas which is based primarily on the huge demand for coking coals to feed the rapid expansion in world iron and steel production.

The March feature also suggested competition from Polish coal could be weakening. This weakness, now confirmed, is epitomized by Poland's failure to meet deficit needs of major European importers. Western Europe took 8.6 million tons of U. S. coal in the first quarter of 1956—more than double the tonnage of the corresponding 1955 period. Great Britain continues to make heavy purchases from the U. S. (1,071,686 tons during the first quarter of 1956—17% ahead of last year). West Germany plans to buy 10 to 12 million tons from the U. S. during the year ending March 31, 1957. (Calendar year 1955 imports were 6.7 million tons.)

Also worth noting: Poland has lost the Argentine market. In 1955, Argentina imported 81% of her total coal needs from Poland and none from the U. S.; now she has shifted virtually all purchases to the U. S. (468,266 tons during the first quarter of 1956).

With competition and demand so favorable, the entire industry should get behind the ACS effort to solidify the overseas business. Its first task is to provide more shipping space for U. S. overseas coal and, thereby, to reduce and control ocean freight rates. Initial plans call for chartering 25 to 50 Liberty ships from the U. S. Reserve Fleet (*Coal Age*, July, 1956, p 122).

As ACS expands the scope of its activities, the agenda might include action to:

1. Improve, modernize and expand loading and unloading facilities both here and abroad.
2. Guarantee the shipment of quality coal.
3. Investigate the possibilities of cutting costs of insuring coal cargoes.
4. Conduct continuing studies of overseas markets and dollar supply.
5. Organize a customer service clinic.
6. Devise simpler marketing procedures aimed at minimizing the number of middlemen that handle a shipment between producer and consumer.

Railroads

Competition Now—Tough, with the diesel still gaining and coal tonnage still dropping.

Competition Tomorrow—Excellent chance for a coal comeback through development of the coal-fired gas-turbine locomotive. However, because of the higher efficiency of the gas turbine, compared to the earlier steam locomotives, complete recapture would

mean a market of only about half the previous tonnage, or possibly 40 to 60 million tons a year—still very worthwhile.

In 1954, locomotives burned 17.4 million tons; in 1955, 15.5 million tons; and in 1956, usage is headed for another drop to 14 or 14.5 million tons. The downward trend shows no signs of abating in the next 2 or 3 yr. But the industry got renewed encouragement in April that the coal-fired gas turbine locomotive may eventually put coal very much back into the picture. Speaking at BCR's annual meeting (*Coal Age*, June, 1956, p 146), Peter R. Broadley, director of research, Locomotive Development Committee, said:

"The 1955 test program subjected the LDS gas turbine to long hours of operation at load factors far in excess of normal locomotive operating practice. The general operation of the plant was much more satisfactory than in any previous test program." Putting these results into concrete terms, Mr. Broadley added that the fuel and lubricating oil cost of the coal-fired gas turbine (operating in a locomotive year of 4,000 hr) would be about \$49,000 less than for diesels.

The Locomotive Development Committee plans to start construction of a production model in 1957, which will incorporate further design improvements. And, if the promise of the stationary model bears out in the production model, coal may look forward to recovery of a major portion of the railroad market.

Thus, the industry should take a positive view toward the long-range possibility of expansion in sales to railroads. Consider this thought proposed by *Railway Age* (January, 1956, p 141): "Changes have a habit of occurring fast these days, and with today's developments in research there is no assurance that some new form of motive power may not come into the picture in the next few years that will cause the diesel to become obsolete."

Coal management might also broaden the base of its thinking toward the railroad market. Frequently overlooked are the possibilities for future growth of railway electrification, for example. More electric power on the rails, of course, means more coal use. And the industry might make a serious effort to cooperate with the railroads in extending and improving electrification systems. Where electric power is cheap, electric cars and locomotives are still much in the news and keeping pace with diesels in economy and performance.



CONTINUOUS MINER, working up pitch, discharges coal into flared pan at end of shaking-conveyor line. Room-and-pillar crews average 28 tons per man, even though extensive timbering is required in all openings.

Higher tonnage per man shift in pitching coal is achieved by using . . .

Continuous-Mining Machines with

Mining methods and supply-handling procedures at mines of Northwestern Improvement Co. in the State of Washington contribute to average productivity of 28 tons per man shift and record productivity of 63.4 tons per man shift.

AVERAGE OUTPUT of 28 tons per manshift, with 5-man crews using continuous-mining machines loading into shaking conveyors, is the operating norm in room-and-pillar recovery at mines of Northwestern Improvement Co., Roslyn, Wash. This output is achieved in spite of the fact that the seam pitches from 12 to 15 deg in most areas. Furthermore, 11 bd ft of timber must be installed for every

ton of coal removed from the seam.

The present average productivity has been progressively built up from a level of from 12 to 15 tons per manshift which prevailed in early 1952 when the first continuous miner was purchased for use in development work. NWI now has four Joy 3-JCM's in operation, each capable of producing about 5,000 tons per month in normal double-shift operation. The

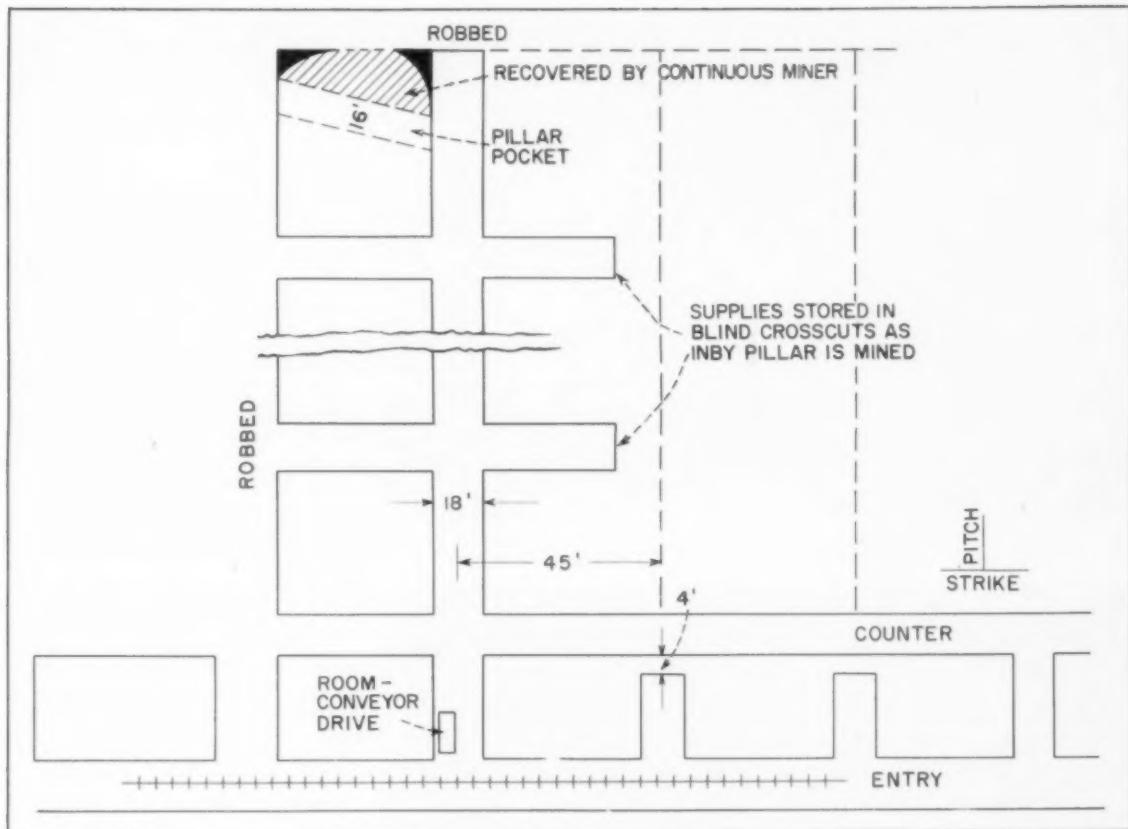
latest machine, purchased in January, 1956, is equipped with a chain-type ripping head. The other three have rotary-type heads.

MINING LAYOUT

Standard recovery methods consist of driving entries and parallel counter-entries along the strike of the seam and working rooms up the pitch a distance of 300 ft.

Main openings are a 6,000-ft slope on a maximum dip of 17 deg at No. 3 mine and a 3,000-ft slope on 37 deg at Roslyn No. 9, both penetrating the 54-60-in No. 1 (Big) seam which now provides virtually all of NWI's production. Entries are turned off these slopes along the strike on 300-ft centers to open the room panels.

Rooms are driven 18 ft wide on 45-ft centers up the full pitch from the counter. As each room is advanced,



MINING PLANS include blind room crosscuts for supply storage and room necks driven up from entry and tapped from counter by continuous miners. Latter idea eliminates any need for tramping miners in haulage entry.

Shaking Conveyors

blind crosscuts are driven into the outby solid coal to be intersected by the next room to be driven. The blind crosscuts serve as handy cubicles for the storage of shaker-conveyor pans and parts which are removed from the conveyor line as the inby pillar is retreated. Then as each crosscut is tapped in driving the next outby room, supplies for lengthening the room conveyor are close at hand.

DEVELOPING ENTRIES

The shaking conveyors discharge into mine cars. The track is laid in the entry, leaving the counter unobstructed for tramping the continuous miner outby to where the next room will be driven after the inby pillar has been recovered.

Room necks are turned off the main entry on 45-ft centers and driven almost through the chain pillar toward

the counter. Every third such opening is driven completely through to provide an entry breakthrough. About 4 ft of coal is left at the counter ends of the "blind" room necks to be broken through from the counter as each new room is opened.

Intermediate transportation from the entry and counter faces is provided by shaking conveyors. In both instances the conveyor is installed in the low side of these side-pitching openings, leaving room for the empty-car storage tracks in the entry and for a row of center posts in the counter.

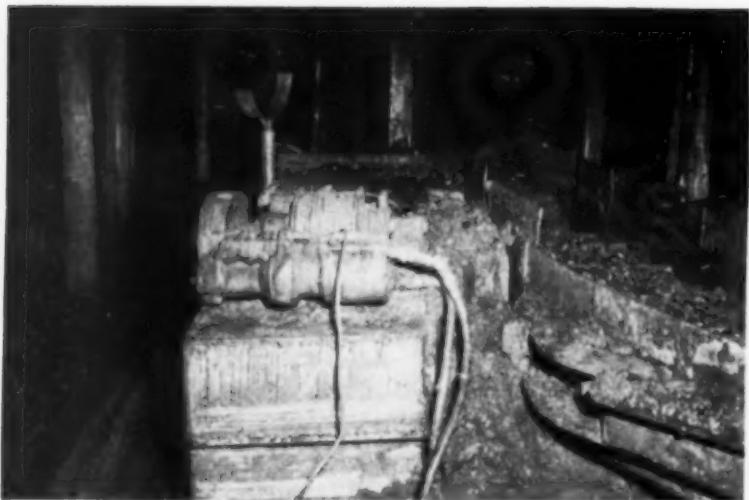
Advance in the entry is one breakthrough center-distance ahead of the counter. The breakthrough is turned from the entry and intersected by the counter. Drive units of the two development conveyors are moved forward at 300-ft intervals. A cross conveyor in a breakthrough transports

coal from the counter conveyor to the entry conveyor and this unit also is moved up at 300-ft intervals.

Certain modifications have been introduced on the continuous miner to improve performance in pitching places. Conical caulk inserted into the crawler pads provide better traction to keep the machines tight against the uphill faces while sumping. Hydraulically-driven scrolls on the first three machines have been removed and replaced by simple angle blades which direct the coal on the bottom inward toward the pickup conveyor. However, the newest machine is equipped with mechanically-driven scrolls, operated through a chain from the intermediate-conveyor drive.

SUPPORTING ROOF

As previously mentioned, average timber consumption is 11 bd ft per ton of coal produced, most of the timber coming from lands of the Northern Pacific Railway Co., the parent company of NWI. Minimum standards require a timber set every



HYDRAULIC WINCH on continuous-miner chassis hauls heavy timbers up to timber jacks, forward of machine operator, for setting against roof.



FRANK BADDA, general superintendent, demonstrates air-powered chain saw which helps reduce timbering delays at the face.



SHAKING CONVEYORS discharge into 1 1/4-ton mine cars in entry. Boom man is included in 5-man crew which is provided with timber-handling aids.

5 ft. In some instances, however, it is necessary to set the timbers skin-to-skin, especially where gravel-filled "wants" have been created by stream action in the past, or where heavy pressure along synclinal axes has broken the roof.

An indication of the timbering required is contained in the record of the most productive unit shift, which occurred on May 26, 1955. The 5-man crew, using a continuous miner and conveyors in room-and-pillar work, produced 317 tons, or 63.4 tons per man. The 18-ft-wide room was advanced 47 ft in an area where the seam was 6 ft thick. Nine sets of timbers were placed, adding up to nine 8x10-in by 14-ft collars, 27 posts (all room and counter timbers are center-posted) and 54 3x8-in by 7-ft lagging planks. A few days later, May 31, the two shifts on the same unit produced 570 tons, or 57 tons per man shift.

Under conditions like these, specialized timber-handling methods had to be developed to promote maximum operating time for the miner. Here are some of the NWI techniques:

Timber is hauled into the loading head in mine cars where it is unloaded into the room neck. Each unit is provided with an air-powered Sullivan double-drum hoist which serves as a car-spotting hoist and a timber hoist. A clutch in the hoist permits either application, as necessary. One of the hoist ropes is passed through a snatch block near the face to be used in hauling the heavy timbers up the pitch to a storage point back out of the way of face operations.

The continuous miners working on the steeper pitches are equipped with small hydraulic hoists at the rear of the main chassis to speed up the job of hauling the timbers from the storage area to the immediate face area. By manipulating the rope on this hoist the timber can be brought up over the machine and set into the timber jacks, which have been fitted with semi-circular heads to receive the large timbers.

Furthermore, each unit is provided with an air-powered chain saw for faster and easier cutting of the 12-14-in posts. The saws are driven by Ingersoll-Rand Multivane hand drills which had been used at the mine before the continuous miners were purchased. The connection between drill chuck and chain-saw shaft is made through a simple universal joint to eliminate any need for close alignment.

Finally, in room-and-pillar work alternate timbers are recovered as the pillar is brought back. The recovered timbers are stored in the blind cross-



HEAVY ROOF requires strong timber sets in rooms (left) and entry (right). Room timbers are center-posted along conveyor line, and skin-to-skin timbers in entry are sealing out gravel-filled "want" created by past stream action.



cuts leading to the next room, as described earlier. Then as the new room is driven these supplies become available as the crosscuts are tapped.

RECOVERING PILLARS

One unit at No. 9 mine is recovering pillars along an inside slope, where speedy and complete extraction is essential, if trouble from excessive roof pressure is to be avoided. The main roof is a massive sandstone which must be broken clean to prevent squeezes and overriding pressure. With continuous mining, it is possible to drive a room and pull the pillar in from 12 to 14 working days.

As shown in an accompanying illustration, pillar recovery begins by driving a 10-ft-wide slant chute through the pillar, beginning at a point about 20 ft back from the face. Two timbers are set in the chute to protect the operator of the miner while the machine reaches through to complete the chute. The inby fender then is cut out by maneuvering the cutting head, leaving only small corner stumps. At No. 9 mine, these stumps must be shot out if complete extraction with the miner is not possible to achieve the required break in the sandstone roof. The procedure is repeated as the pillar is brought back.

Two types of conveyors are used at the NWI operations. A lightweight, company-made unit is employed on lower pitches and for cross-conveyor applications. However, on the steeper pitches Goodman G-20 conveyors with wide pans are used to get the proper

stroke at full room length and to eliminate buckling in the pan line. With continuous mining the load in the pan line is not so evenly distributed as with hand loading. Such uneven loading, especially in pitching work, could lead to buckling if lighter pans were used.

ADJUSTING LUMP-COAL OUTPUT

NWI officials report that size-consist analyses show less minus $\frac{3}{4}$ -in coal with continuous mining than with conventional mining. Right now, production of lump coal is not a problem since most orders are for stoker and steam sizes. Over-production of lump coal at the face now would merely result in higher power consumption for crushing in the plant.

But when lump coal is in demand, it is produced at the face by sumping in the machine several times across the face, leaving blocks of coal between these cuts to be ripped out on the second pass. Productivity is somewhat reduced, but higher realization for lump sizes balances this.

When mining with favorable cleavage in the Roslyn No. 5 seam, it has been found that the amount of lump can be controlled by varying the height of the initial sump into the face. If lump sizes are desired, the sump is made into the bottom; if lump coal is not in demand, the sump is made near the center of the face and the bottom coal is mined out with a second cut.

Bit wear has been equalized to some extent by adopting the practice of

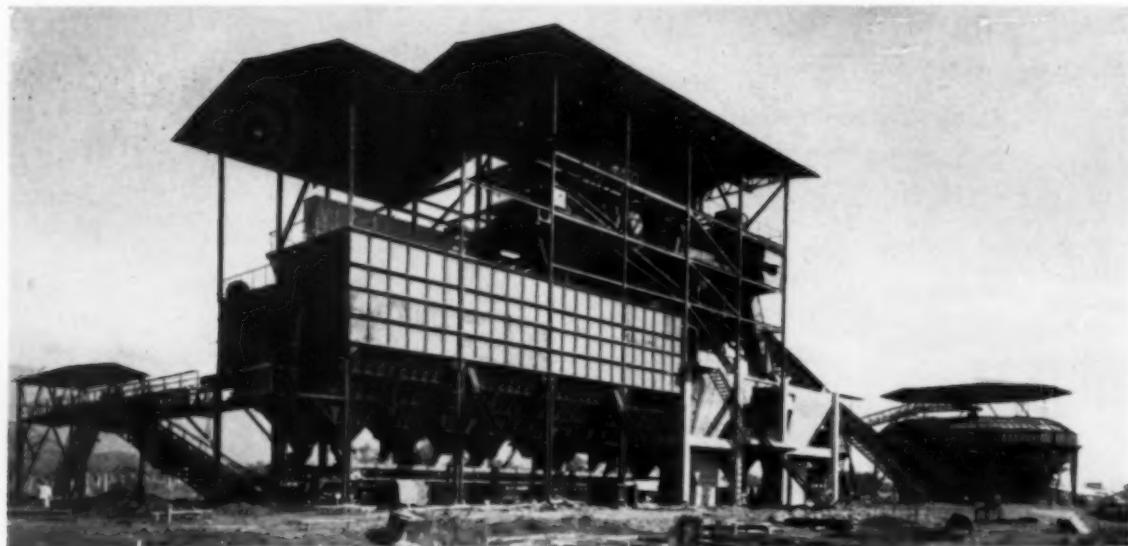
making the initial cut in the center of the face, then working successive cuts both ways from this opening cut. Thus, hardest duty is shared by bits on both sides of the cutting head.

NWI MANAGEMENT

Top management includes Robert S. Macfarlane, president, and E. B. Stanton, vice president, St. Paul, Minn., and Earl R. McMillan, manager-coal operations, Seattle, Wash. Frank Badda, general superintendent, Roslyn, Wash., is assisted by a staff including Charles Rushton, resident engineer; Arthur Walgren, safety engineer; James McKean, chief electrician; Harry Hill, preparation engineer; Arthur Pasa, mine foreman at No. 3, and Al Kosmatin, mine foreman at No. 9.

Operations began in 1886, and since that time approximately 65 million tons have been produced. It is estimated that 70 million tons of reserves remain in the 54-in Roslyn No. 5 seam and in the 18-ft-thick No. 1 seam. Only the bottom 6 ft of the No. 1 seam is mined at present because the top coal is higher in ash content. However, the fusion temperature of the ash in the Big seam is as high as 2,900 F.

Latest addition to cleaning facilities at the company's central plant at Roslyn is a McNally-Vissac feldspar jig for washing $\frac{3}{4}$ -in x 1-mm fines. The unit was scheduled to begin operations following the miners' holiday. A description of the plant appears in *Coal Age*, March, 1951, beginning on p 90.



OPEN-AIR PLANT, employing conventional and feldspar jigs for coal washing, is designed to clean three types of coal at 1.60 sp gr. Storage and conveying equipment are arranged to permit separate handling or blending of different coals.

Washing Cali's Coking Coal

New cleaning plant at Cali, Colombia, is designed to handle several raw coals of varying characteristics. Among outstanding features are radial bin and settling tank which serves as plant foundation.

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THE CALI PLANT, and the coal-consuming centers of South America.

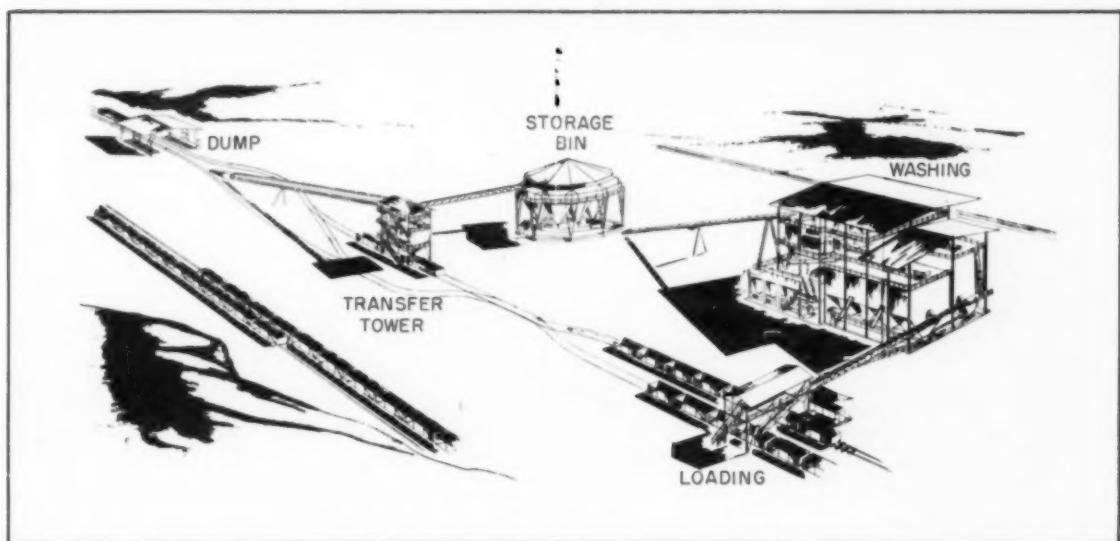
THE INSTITUTO DE FOMENTO INDUSTRIAL, an agency of the Colombian government, has erected a new modern coal-preparation plant at Cali, Colombia, to serve the Cauca Valley coal industry and to make Colombian coal available for export. The accompanying map, shows the geographical location of this plant in relation to the coal consuming centers of South America. The plant is served by the Ferrocarril del Pacifico, a division of the national railways system, which traverses the length of the Pacific-coast port of Buenaventura. Modern facilities are being installed at this port for loading coal into ships.

The combined project of preparation plant construction, mine mechanization, railway improvement and port additions, followed several years of technical study by the Instituto de

Fomento, and the National Railways Administration. In this preparatory study, technical assistance was supplied by the U. S. Bureau of Mines (through sponsorship of the Department of State, International Cooperation Administration and its predecessor agencies) under a technical cooperation agreement between the governments of Colombia and the United States.

The Cauca Valley field is one of the three major coal-producing areas in Colombia. Many small mines located in the mountain range along the west side of the valley have been producing coal for local use since the last part of the 19th Century. Rapid expansion of the varied industrial activities in the valley, during and since the war, which is continuing at an accelerated rate, has doubled the local demand for coal about every nine years. Also, a need has developed, on the part of the railroad and some other consumers, for a more uniform and dependable fuel than that obtainable from the many small producers of unwashed r-o-m coal.

The new plant is designed to serve the entire industry. The plant is located strategically in the industrial area between Cali and its principal outlying industrial suburb, Yumbo, to the north. This is approximately at the northern extremity of the coal producing area; between the coal field to the



GENERAL LAYOUT of the installation at Calf, Colombia, is shown in this perspective. Coal reserves are estimated to be 20 billion tons. Coal demand in the area has doubled in the past 9 yr and will continue to grow.

south and the consuming industries and seaport to the north. Thus, virtually all the production may be processed in transit without any backhaul of the prepared coal.

Since the plant will take raw-coal deliveries from several independent producers, it was necessary to provide for separate weighing, sampling, and record keeping on separate lots of r-o-m coal. Coal deliveries will be received both by rail and by truck facilities and the need for flexibility of operation is still further increased by wide variations in types of coal to be handled and classes of prepared coal to be made. These factors have made it necessary to build extra capacity into the raw-coal handling equipment and cleaners.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE COAL

The coal measures of this region are of early Tertiary age. The coal varies in rank from anthracitic, with 8 to 15% of volatile matter, to high-volatile bituminous with 45% volatile matter. Correspondingly, it ranges in texture from very friable to moderately firm. The accompanying tabulation gives analytical data of several typical samples, collected during the design study period. These data will illustrate this wide variation in coal characteristics. These are all r-o-m raw coal samples reported on the as-received basis.

The available raw coals range from easy to moderately difficult in washing characteristics; varying from about

5% to about 15% in near-gravity material between 0.10 units above and 0.10 units below the indicated washing gravity of 1.60. All the coals will yield a good washed product upon separation at this washing gravity of 1.60; a condition which is favorable for effective operation with the jig-type washing plant that has been provided.

It is anticipated that three general classes of washed coal will be produced. These several quality grades can be sized to suit the market. In the high-volatile group, some of the coals are strongly coking and some are non-coking. In the low-volatile and medium volatile range, those of 18% and lower are generally non-coking while those of higher than 18% volatile matter give coke. There are also some high sulfur coals that will be used only for local industrial fuel.

GENERAL PLANT DESIGN

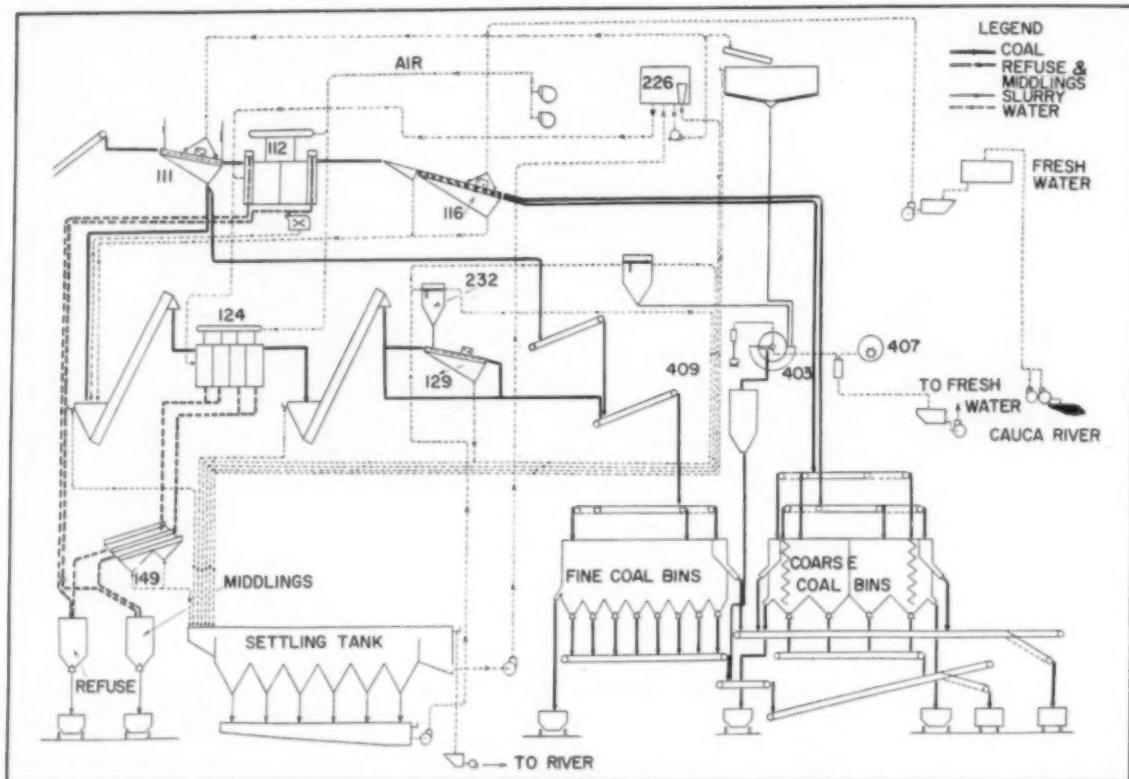
The plant has a nominal rated capacity of 138 tph; but, because of the necessity of over-designing the equipment to cope with the wide range of conditions, especially with respect to size-consist of raw feed material, the main process units are all capable of handling a much larger thru-put than this under normally favorable conditions.

The washery is a conventional Baum-jig plant with two wash-boxes, one for coarse coal; the other, with a feldspar bed, for fine coal. The operation is tentatively set up for pre-screening at approximately $\frac{1}{8}$ in. A

Typical Samples of Cauca Valley Coals¹

Sample Number	Moisture	Volatile Matter	Fixed Carbon	Ash	Sulfur	Free-swelling Index
1	2.3	43.1	41.7	15.2	1.2	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
2	1.5	45.8	46.1	8.1	0.7	5
3	2.4	43.8	40.0	16.2	1.7	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
5	1.5	42.6	41.4	16.0	0.7	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
6	2.8	37.8	34.8	27.4	0.9	3 $\frac{1}{4}$
8	0.4	30.0	62.3	7.3	2.6	9
9	0.7	19.2	66.7	13.4	2.9	1
16	0.9	37.4	39.3	23.3	1.0	5
21	5.1	26.6	66.1	7.3	1.8	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
22	1.6	17.7	42.6	39.7	1.6	1
30	4.9	23.1	70.9	6.0	0.8	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
31	0.4	18.2	73.4	8.4	1.2	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
36	0.5	14.3	71.2	14.5	0.9	1

¹Volatile matter, fixed carbon, ash and sulfur computed to dry basis.



FINE COAL is cleaned in a feldspar jig, and the plant is to be operated on a closed water circuit.

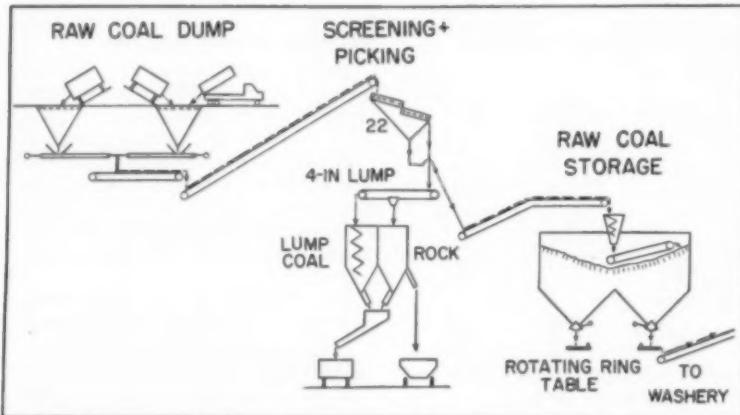
Screens

Item No.	Speed, rpm	Stroke, in	Slope, per cent	Dimensions, width and length	Motor, hp	Service
22.....	330	1 1/8	30	4 1/2 x 7 5 1/2 x 7	5	180 tph, rom balanced shaker
111.....	850	5/8	20	5 x 16 1/2	15	125 tph, 4 x 0 vibrating screen
116.....	850	5/8	14	5 x 16 1/2	15	75 tph 4 x 0
129.....	1400	5/8	7	5 x 16 1/2	15	75 tph 3/4 x 0
149.....	1400	5/8	10	5 x 8	5	Refuse and middling dewatering

simplification of the original plan is shown in the accompanying flowsheet, which is separated into two parts for clearer presentation. The two parts of the plant, represented by these two diagrams may be operated virtually independent of each other.

In the raw-coal dumping station, facilities are provided for separate dumping and conveying to storage of truck deliveries and railroad deliveries of raw coal. Separate lots of coal received from individual producers will be weighed and sampled separately and the lots of raw coal may be kept separate during the subsequent operations of transportation and hand-picking operations until they are stocked in separate compartments of the circular storage plant.

The circular storage plant for raw coal has eight equal compartments with a combined storage capacity to supply approximately three shifts of operation of the washery at its rated capacity; i.e. 3,300 tons. With this facility to accumulate an adequate



RADIAL BIN with three-shift capacity is feature of raw-coal storage system.

supply of raw coal ahead of the washery and to classify this stored raw coal according to washing characteristics, it is expected that the washery can be operated for an entire shift, at least, on one class of coal; either the firm high-volatile coal of the Golondrinas or one of the lower volatile types from the southern field.

Operation of the washing plant may be controlled entirely independent of the raw-coal dumping and storing operations described above. The washing plant may draw its feed from any of the eight compartments of the storage plant, or from any group of compartments with the mixture under control. Under the design conditions, the raw coal handling system is rated to handle coal at the rate of 180 tph. The washery circuit, beginning with the main feed conveyor is rated to handle raw coal at the rate of 138 tph.

THE WASHING PLANT

In the cleaning sequence, the raw 4x0 coal delivered to the top of the washery building will be screened, with spray water, at 3% in; the oversize, 4x3%, will go directly to the primary wash-box and the undersize, 3x0, will go with the spray water to the boot of a draining elevator that feeds the fine-coal wash-box. Also, the fine washed coal from the primary jig, after passing thru the dewatering deck

of its draining screen, goes with the wash-water to this same draining elevator and is re-washed with the fine raw coal in the feldspar jig.

Alternatively, the plant may be operated by the Baum system of integral washing. The pre-sizing screen would be veiled so that the 4x0 unsized raw feed would pass over it into the primary wash-box. The 3x0 primary washed coal would then go to the draining elevator and to the feldspar jig for re-washing.

As still another alternative method for handling the fine coal, conveying facilities are provided by which it may be delivered from the pre-sizing screen, Item 111, directly to the washed-coal storage and out-loading plant without washing. In this case, the pre-sizing screen would be operated without spray water. It is anticipated that this latter procedure may be feasible for treating some of the very friable low-volatile coals in which the finer sizes are relatively clean in the raw state. The coarse washed coal will be screened to suit market requirements and sent to storage and loading-out facilities.

The washed fine coal and water delivered by the feldspar jig will go to the de-sliming boot of a second draining elevator, an exact duplicate of the raw coal draining elevator. The washed fine coal, after this draining,

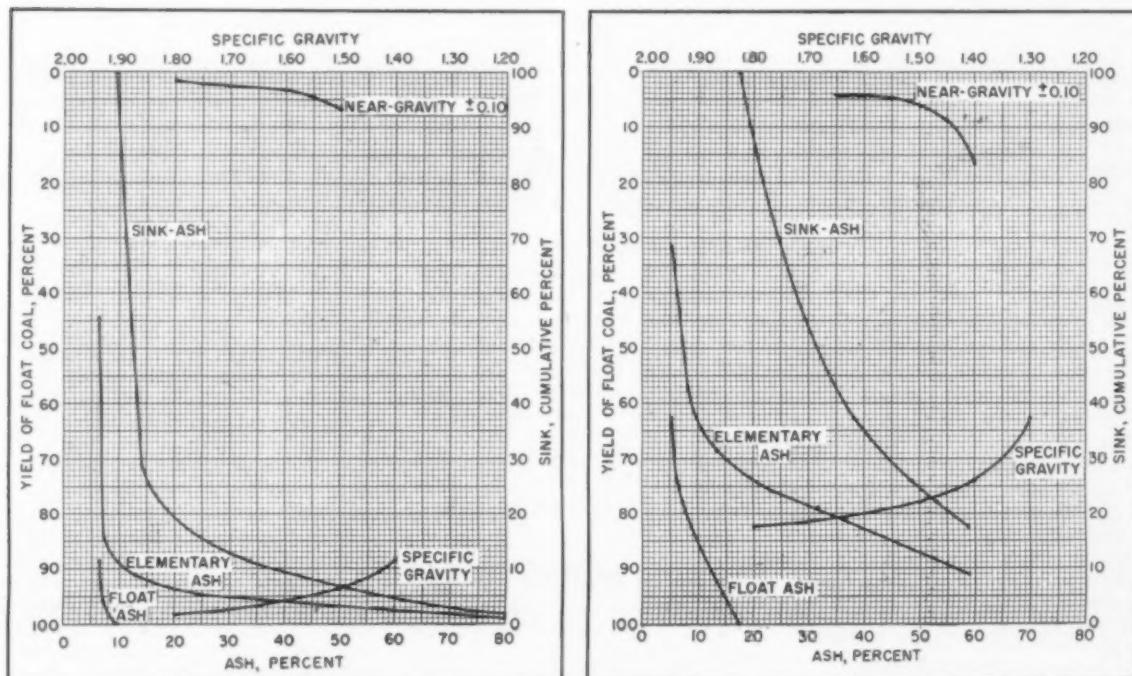
will be delivered to the draining and loading bins by a belt conveyor system which includes a movable stocking belt by which the operator can distribute the product to the various compartments of the washed-coal storage plant.

By using an alternate system, the washed fine coal may be delivered from the draining elevator to the vibrating slurry screen to serve as a draining bed for the thickened slurry when that method of slurry recovery is used.

WASHED COAL STORAGE AND LOADING

The washed coal storage plant consisting of four coarse-coal bins and eight fine-coal bins has a total capacity of approximately 880 tons; one shift's production. This gives a draining time of about 18 hr with one-shift operation. The bin discharge gates are equipped with individually-adjustable feeders that deliver to collecting and mixing conveyors below. This system of collecting conveyors, with the loading conveyors, is arranged so that any desired mixture of washed coals available in the bins may be loaded into railway cars at the loading station. Drainage rings at the storage-bin gates collect the drip water and deliver to the drainage system.

The washed coal storage plant is necessitated not only by the need for



WASHABILITY CHARACTERISTICS of low-volatile (left) and high-volatile (right) Cauca Valley coal.

draining and blending operations, but also to accommodate the plant to a possibly intermittent supply of transportation facilities.

The feeders and loading conveyors are rated at 275 tph. To complete the flexibility of the plant, a direct-loading conveyor system is provided by which the washed coal can be loaded from the dewatering screens to railroad cars, without storage.

SLURRY HANDLING AND WATER CLARIFICATION

Because of the extreme friability of some of the coals to be handled, it is anticipated that recovery of the fine coal and the clarification of washery water will be the most difficult operating problem. Adequate fresh water supply, decantation tanks, cyclone-type thickeners, a slurry screen and a combination flocculating thickener and vacuum filter plant, all of overcapacity, are provided for that department and equipped with facilities for widest flexibility of operation.

The central circulating water decantation unit is a multiple-compartment settling tank of the traditional European spitzkasten design. This is a rectangular concrete tank with 720 sq ft of superficial area (19½ ft wide by 34 ft long). This tank is equipped with a peripheral effluent collecting launder, an intermediate take-off connection and sump for the main recirculating pump, and a series of manually-controlled slurry valves at the spitzkasten outlets.

The main circulating water load to this tank is made up of the spray-water from the screens and the wash-water returning from the wash-boxes, which goes first to the two draining-elevator boots from where it overflows into the decantation tank. Each of these boots has an inside settling area of approximately 333 sq ft. There are several other small sources of dirty water such as the slurry screen, the cyclone thickeners, head-tank return and so on. The total volume of water to be handled through this decantation tank is indicated only approximately by the rated capacity of the main circulating pump, 5600 gpm. This pump takes the circulating water from the partially clarified upper level of the decantation tank and delivers it to the constant level over-flow tank (Item 226) that insures a constant uniform supply of water to the jigs. Two circuits are provided for further dewatering of the settled slurry drawn off from the bottom of the decantation tank:

1. The slurry screen circuit in which the slurry is pumped to the multi-

tubular thickener (Item 232), from which the effluent water returns to the tank and the spigot product is poured on top of the fine washed coal bed on the slurry screen (Item 129). The mixture of fine coal and drained slurry goes to the draining and storage bins while the drip water from the screen returns to the decantation tank.

2. The filter plant circuit in which the slurry pump delivers to a second multitubular thickener (gang-cyclone unit) from which the effluent returns to the tank and the spigot product goes to the vacuum filter. From the filter, the effluent water returns to the fresh water supply line of the plant. The filter cake is stored in a cylindrical storage silo of the centrifugal discharge type from which it may be loaded out on the central loading conveyor, blending with the washed coal or disposed of separately.

With the two slurry pumps available, these two slurry circuits may be operated alternatively or the load might be divided between them. The water clarification system also has a 30-ft mechanical thickener in which it is proposed to treat continuously an increment of the returned circulating water that will be delivered to it from the washery head tank. This may be operated with the addition of a flocculating agent to produce a well-clarified effluent water and the thickened slimes will go to the vacuum filter with the slurry.

It is planned to bring the water circuit into balance, with respect to ultra-fine solids content, by experimental adjustment of these circuits. Any dirty water to be purged from the system will be taken from the peripheral over-flow launder of the decantation tank and sent to the river.

WATER SUPPLY

The fresh water supply for the washing plant will be taken from the Cauca River. A pumping station at the river with a 6-in horizontal pump (with complete stand-by unit) will deliver water at the rate of 660 gpm through a 6-in Eternit pipe line, 6,840 ft long, to the primary storage tank. From this supply tank, a secondary pumping station also of 660 gpm capacity delivers the make-up water to the plant.

EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS

The purchase of equipment abroad for the entire coal project was financed by the Bank of Paris and the Low Countries, and the coal preparation plant was supplied by Preparations Industrielles des Combustibles (PIC),

Fontainebleau. It is being erected by ACIG, Colombian affiliate of PIC, in collaboration with Dr. Roberto Londoño G., contracting officer for the Instituto de Fomento Industrial.

For those who might be interested in the individual equipment items as compared to similar American practice, some of the principal mechanical units are described in more detail.

WASH-BOXES

Item 112—Primary wash-box, 2-compartment; 1st compartment 10x6 ft; 2nd compartment 10x7 ft 4 in; screen perforations $\frac{1}{4}$ -in square by $\frac{1}{8}$ -in spacing.

Item 124—Fine-coal wash-box, 4-compartment; each compartment 6 ft 8 in wide by 5 ft long; screen perforations $\frac{1}{4}$ -in square by $\frac{1}{8}$ -in spacing.

The two jigs are supplied with air by one 4-stage centrifugal blower connected to the two jigs in parallel. A complete stand-by blower with 95-hp motor is direct-connected.

FILTER PLANT

Item 403—Disc-type vacuum filter, 6 discs, 10 ft diameter, with 12 filter-bag sections. Total filter cloth area, 660 sq ft; rated capacity 15 tph, dry solids.

Item 407—Rotary vacuum pump, 220 rpm; capacity 2,400 cfm at 4.4 in of mercury.

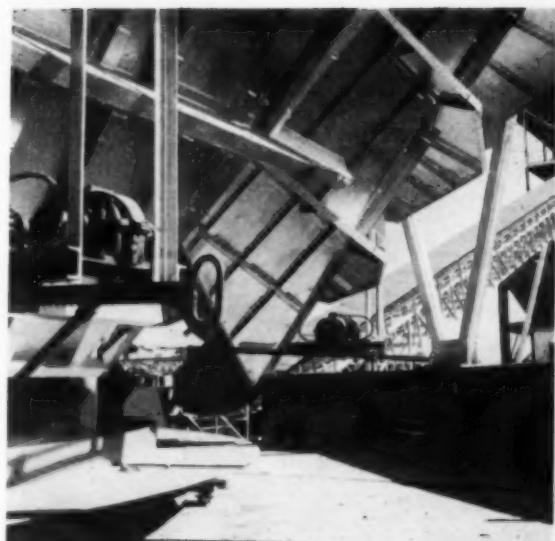
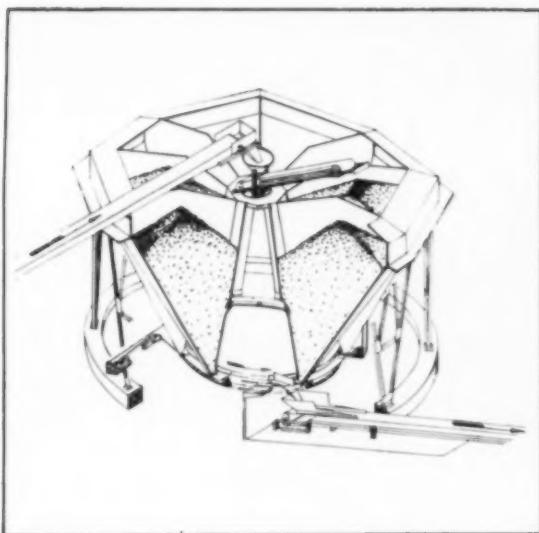
Item 409—Cycloidal blower direct-connected to 60-hp, 1,800 rpm motor.

CIRCULAR STORAGE PLANT

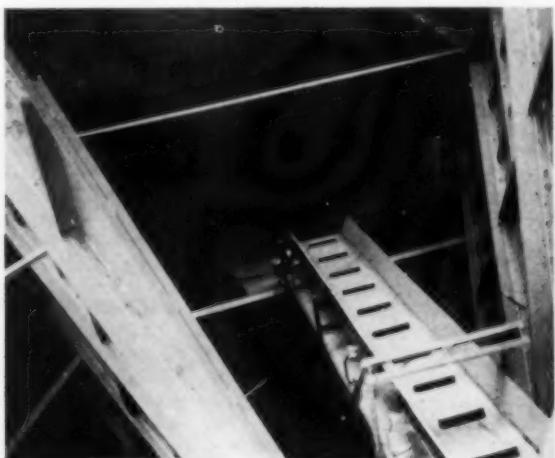
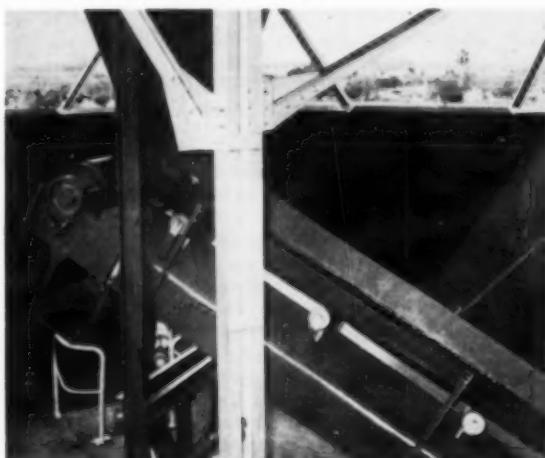
The circular storage plant for raw coal is a special design of PIC to minimize the mechanical equipment needed to distribute the coal to the various bins and to withdraw it from storage. The basis of this simplification is the disposition of the bins radially around a central service stocking unit in a circular bin-structure. The central tower carries a turntable with a 30-ft adjustable boom that may be positioned over any compartment of the bin. A cleated belt conveyor mounted on this boom delivers the coal into the bin. The boom may be lowered into a starting position from which the coal is delivered with little drop and the boom is raised as the level of coal in the bin rises so as to avoid breakage during the stocking operation.

Raw 4x0 coal is delivered to the stocking boom by conveyor through a small conical transfer hopper with spiral lowering vanes. The stocking operation is controlled from an operating platform above the boom turntable and around the transfer chute.

Withdrawal of coal from the storage bin is effected by individually adjust-



COMPARTMENTS in radial bin are loaded from swinging boom. Coal is discharged from bottom of any compartment onto rotating table, shown at right, to be plowed off into plant-feed hopper by a steel scraper fixed above the table.



STORAGE-BIN LOADING BOOM, equipped with cleated belt conveyor, may be raised with level of coal in bin to limit degradation. This type bin requires minimum space and eliminates a need for extensive conveyor capacity.

able feeders on the bin gates that spill the coal out onto a ring-shaped revolving steel table which travels around under the circle of gates. This table collects the coal and delivers it to the washery feed conveyor. Discharge from the ring-table is effected by an obliquely placed steel scraper that plows the coal off over the edge of the table into the transfer chute. By adjustment of the feeders, the operator can deliver any desired mixture of the available raw coals to the washery.

SWINGING FEEDERS

For delivery of coal from the storage

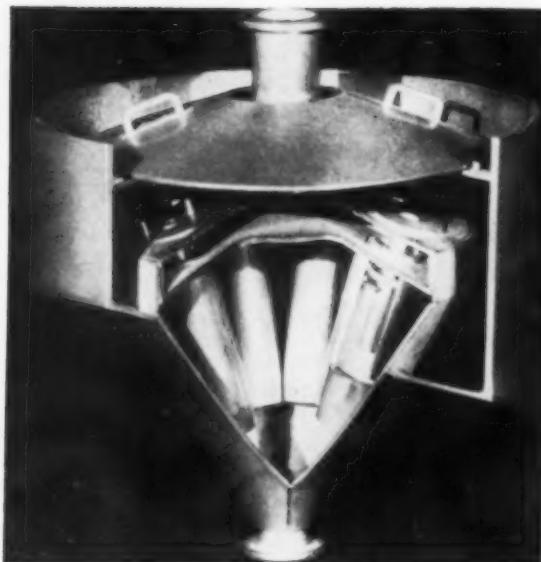
bins to the collecting ring-table, a very simple suspended feeder design is used. It is virtually the same as the common swinging under-cut gate converted into a reciprocating feeder by connecting it to a pair of driving arms and a crank-shaft.

WASH-BOXES

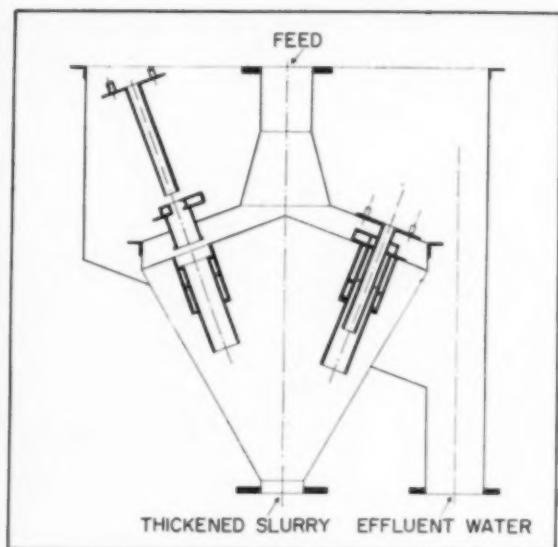
The unique feature of the PIC wash-box is the Wolf automatic refuse gate control. This is a float control device in which the float tube is sealed directly to the jig screen so that no slate or coal particles can enter the float compartment. The float rises and falls with the level of the water column in the tube which responds

directly to changes in water pressure in the main jig body under the screen, which in turn varies with the thickness and resistance of the shale bed accumulated on the screen.

The feldspar jig for small coal is a device that was introduced into the United States with the Luhrig system of coal washing in the 1890's, but has not been used here in modern times. In Europe it is the most widely used method of treating the fine sizes and it has been greatly improved. The adaptation of the permanent feldspar bed to large pneumatically-driven (Baum type) jigs has been developed since the war by PIC and its British affiliate company, ACCO, Automatic



TWO MULTITUBULAR THICKENERS remove water from decantation-tank underflow and deliver thickened slurry to dewatering screen or filter. Each unit handles 550 gpm. The unit is an adaptation of the gang-cyclone idea.



Coal Cleaning Co., Carlisle, England.

In this method of washing, a bed of coarse broken feldspar or equivalent ceramic material, that is intermediate in specific gravity between coal and refuse, is placed on the jiggling screen. This artificial bed remains permanently on the screens and functions like the coarse refuse retained on the screens of primary jigs used to handle unsized feed. All the refuse is drawn through the bed into the hutch under the jiggling screen and is evacuated from there with some of the water. There is no refuse discharge draw above the screen level. The screen openings must be substantially larger than the largest particles in the feed. This method of washing is also called "jigging thru the screen."

In the PIC feldspar wash-box used in the Cali plant, the float control mechanism is articulated with the compressed air valves to vary the pulsion as the bed resistance changes.

MULTITUBULAR THICKENER

The Turpinson Multitubular thickener is the PIC adaptation of the gang-cyclone idea. This design consists of a closed cylindrical casing which houses four tubular cyclones each 6 in in inside diameter. The feed is delivered under pressure directly from the slurry pump to a central inlet opening of the casing and enters tangentially into the feed spirals of the individual cyclone tubes. The clarified effluent water and the thickened spigot product of the cyclones are collected

to common discharge outlets of the casing.

There are two of these units in the plant, both to be used for rethickening the decantation tank underflow product before it is delivered to slurry screen or filter for final dewatering. Each unit is rated to handle 550 gpm of this partially thickened slurry water.

DECANTATION TANK

The decantation tank in the Cali washery, like the feldspar jig, is a modernized design of an old European device that was introduced into the United States with the Luhrig-system washeries in the 1890's. The unique feature of this tank is its termination at the bottom in a series of inverted pyramidal boxes (Spitzkasten) fitted with manually operated slurry-discharge valves. Thus the tank might be called a multiple settling-cone unit. There are no moving parts inside the tank. Settlement and discharge of solids is effected entirely by gravity. The slurry and water discharged from the spitzkasten collect in a launder that leads to the feed well of the slurry pumps that deliver to the cyclone units.

With this type of decantation tank it is not to be expected that the consistency of the slurry can be controlled as effectively as with a mechanical thickener; but the freedom from agitation in the settling zone will furnish the most favorable condition for settlement of the ultra-fine solids, which is the controlling factor in closing the

water circuit in the cleaning plant.

Purging of a substantial volume of water with its entrained near-colloidal fines is usually necessary to establish a balance between incoming and outgoing fines, over the entire size range. The gravity-discharge decantation tank, delivering a dilute slurry to the filter plant, combined with the auxiliary flocculating thickener processing dirty water bled out of the return circuit at the rate of 440 gpm is expected to remove enough ultra-fines from the circuit to make possible the operation of the washery with an almost closed water circuit.

The entire settling tank structure is built above ground of re-inforced concrete and it serves as part of the foundation and lower structure of the washing plant building.

BUILDINGS

All the main buildings of the plant are of re-inforced concrete and steel construction, with corrugated steel roof extended 6½ ft. All buildings are without siding except in certain small areas that require protection from rain; such as the superintendent's office and the electrical control station.

POWER

The plant will use public utility power supplied by the hydroelectric generating station at Anchicaya and delivered at a voltage of 13,200. The sub-station has two groups of mono-phase 200-kva transformers in parallel to deliver energy to the plant at 440 v.

The Coal Commentator

The Electric Way

Presumably the most vulnerable to competition, yet at the moment exhibiting a tendency to recover some of its lost ground, the home-heating market for coal might at first glance be tabbed as one of substantial paradox. When only new homes are considered, however, the paradox largely disappears, since coal's record is anything but good in this category. If it were good, the industry would be enjoying sales triple or more the present level.

Not all has been lost in these new homes, however, since the appliance load, including the heating-plant motors, is carried by electricity and most of the electric power comes from coal. All of which leads to repetition of a thought that has been voiced occasionally in the past, to wit: If you can't get in directly with better heating equipment and service (and all the possibilities have not been exhausted in these directions), or by supplying the raw material for gas or liquid fuel, why not by means of electric heat, either directly or via the heat pump? The odds are changing and a fair electric heating load may not be too far off, especially if a little push is supplied. Coal is one of the logical sources of such push.

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Booming Water

"Agriculture, industry and commerce moved to the banks of the inland waterways at an accelerated rate during the second quarter of the current year, exceeding even the fast tempo of the first quarter."

So notes American Waterways Operators,

Inc., in reporting that 147 waterside plant sites were picked during the second quarter for new or expanded operations, compared to 138 in the first quarter and a total of 470 in 1955. The construction costs for 58 of these plants totalled \$1,267,000,000, while 48 others were reported to involve \$2 million or more each.

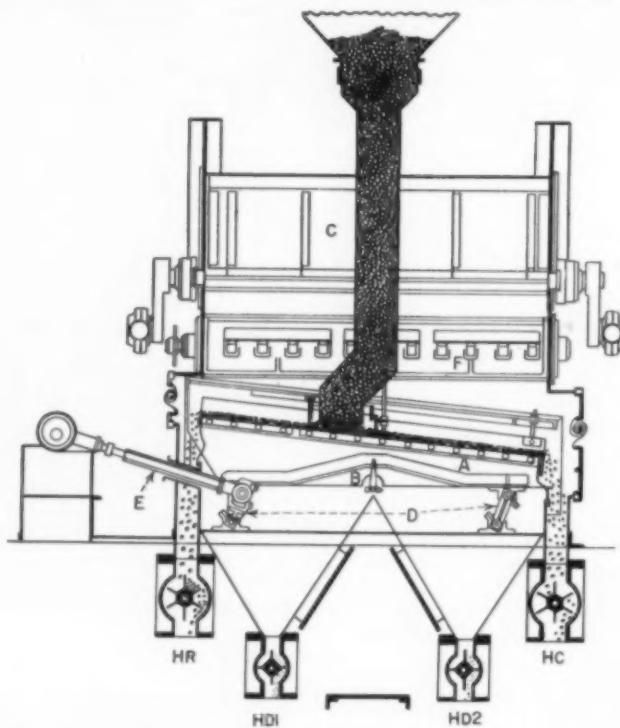
All of which means that the RAYMOND E. SALVATI, the new towboat built by Dravo for the Island Creek Fuel & Transportation Co. and christened in Pittsburgh July 25, will have a busy future, as will her contemporaries already built or to be constructed in the future. And where water is not available to carry coal, completion of the new coal pipe line by Hanna this year undoubtedly will usher in a new era of low-cost overland transportation for coal, meaning a major enhancement in coal's competitive power here as well. Both are additional good omens for the future.

Significant?

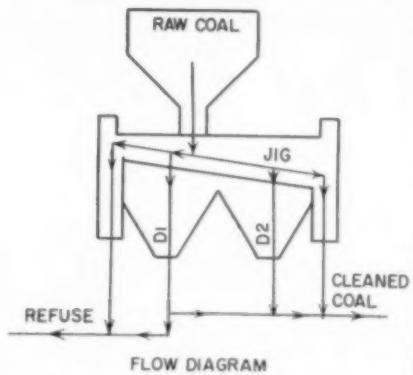
One of the things the annual vacation in the bituminous industry does is provide an indication of the extent of nonunion tonnage. The word "indication" is used advisedly, since the accuracy of the guide is not absolute. But it would seem that the union has made a considerable gain since the bituminous vacation a year ago, as gauged by the fact that the output in the week ended July 7, 1956, was only about half that in the corresponding vacation week in 1955. The tonnage in 1955 was 2,240,000, or about 25% of the average weekly rate, compared to 1,240,000, or 12%, in 1956. Time will tell whether this is a permanent change in the picture, and whether the union can make further gains. Probably the test will be how comfortably the industry can live under the UMWA banner.

Honor Earned

A perfect safety record for nearly two years—5,500,000 man-hours without a lost-time accident—has earned the main plant of the Mine Safety Appliances Co. an award from the National Safety Council—not the first, incidentally. In considering the significance of these awards, it needs be remembered that M-S-A was founded by mining-safety men to meet an urgent need for quality safety equipment and materials. That it certainly has—in large part because it has been forward-looking and research-minded. As a result, even though it was founded not too long ago, the scope of its products and services has long since spread far beyond the limits of the mining industry, and it serves a long and diverse list of military, governmental, industrial and civilian needs. It is logical, therefore, for M-S-A plants to be singled out for safety awards. They are honors well-earned.



CUT-AWAY VIEWS show how coal is cleaned in self-contained jigs at the Boone County Coal Corp.'s plant at Monclo, W. Va. Air circulation through the beds is shown in bottom sketch.

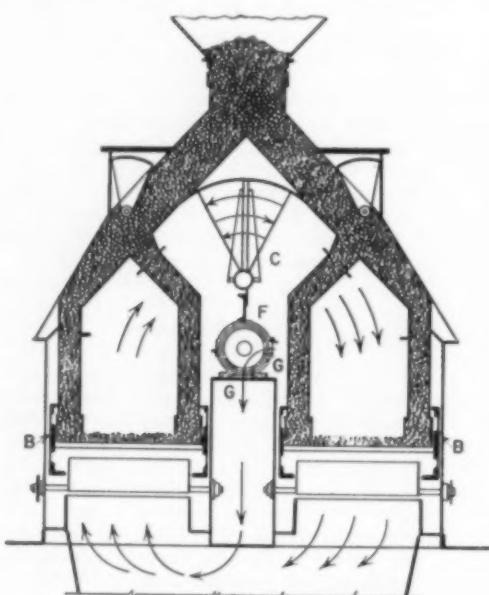


Dry Cleaning

Self-contained jigs in service for 5 yr in West Virginia require no external blowers, exhausters, or dust collectors. Power requirements are low for compact units. Here is the company's report on jig performance.

By R. F. WESNER
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Sharples, W. Va.

THIS IS THE STORY of the performance and history of one of the dry-type, fine coal cleaners currently in use and available to the industry. The cleaner is known commercially as the McNally Brusset vacuum jig, and more commonly as the Brusset jig. Following is the experience and performance of the Brusset jig as recorded at the coal preparation plant of the Boone County Coal Corp., Sharples, W. Va. The Boone County Coal Corp. was the first coal company in the United States to install the Brusset jig, working with the manufacturer of the jig during its early field development, and at this time is one of three coal companies in the



KEY TO CROSS SECTION VIEWS

A-PERVIOUS DECKING	D-SUPPORTING TOGGLS	HR-EVACUATION, REFUSE
B-RECIPROCATING TOGGLS	E-PITMAN ARM	HD1-EVACUATION, DUST
C-AIR VANE	F-ROTARY BY-PASS VALVE	HD2-EVACUATION, DUST
	G-BY-PASS PORTS	HC-EVACUATION, CLEAN COAL

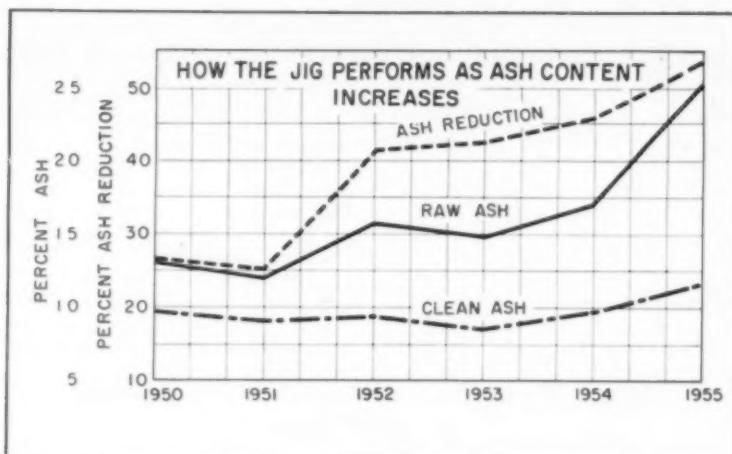


TABLE I—Cost of Operating Brusset Jig Plant, 1955

ITEM	COST (Per Ton of Clean Coal)
Operating Labor and Supplies	\$0.0325
Maintenance Labor and Supplies	0.0093
Power	0.0105
Ownership (Depreciation, Etc.)	0.0400
Total	\$0.0923

Fine Coal at Boone County

United States using the jig in normal daily duty.

PLANNING THE PLANT

In 1947, as the post-war boom in industrial and domestic use of coal began receding, Boone County Coal Corp. began plans for upgrading the quality of their slack product by considering the addition to their preparation plant of a cleaning device adequate for handling the heretofore uncleared $\frac{3}{8} \times 0$ coal. Prime consideration was given to air cleaning this coal because of the obvious advantages gained by producing a dry coal without going to the expense of thermal drying, cleaning a coal at the lower cost usually associated with dry cleaning as compared to wet cleaning and avoiding the non-productive expense usually encountered in water clarification following a wet coal cleaning process. The production of a low-cost dry coal was particularly appealing since an appreciable quantity of the production entered the steam market and was usually sold on an "as received" basis. These advantages had to be balanced against two outstanding disadvantages of air cleaning: lower cleaning efficiency and air pollution in and about the cleaning plant. After prolonged study of the problem, which included a study of production costs as well as a study of sales realization based upon the sale of coal on the "as received" basis, it was decided to install a dry cleaning system for $\frac{3}{8} \times 0$ coal in the Boone County Coal Corp. plant at Monclo, W. Va.

It might also be pointed out that at this time, plans were also begun by

corporation officials for the ultimate replacement of the entire and nearly-obsolete preparation plant that at this time was treating all of the R-O-M coal by means of hand-picking lump coal, washing $5 \times \frac{3}{4}$ coals in Elmore jigs and loading raw $\frac{3}{8} \times 0$ coal. The air cleaning system was the first phase of the long-range plans.

Boone County engineers and officials invited proposals for the air cleaning system they desired and made a thorough study of several systems, including the Brusset jig. At that time the Brusset jig was in commercial operation only in Canada at the Western Canadian Collieries, Limited, and only in experimental operation in the United States in the laboratories of the McNally Pittsburg Mfg. Corp., Pittsburg, Kansas. The features of the Brusset jig—the jig being a self contained unit requiring no auxiliaries such as blowers, dust collectors, and having low power requirements, etc.—were quite attractive to Boone County officials and the performance of the full size laboratory jig on a carload sample of Boone County $\frac{3}{8} \times 0$ coal was convincing proof that the jig could meet the performance requirements in the corporation's plans. Therefore, a contract was made with McNally Pittsburg Mfg. Corp. for the installation of five Brusset jigs for cleaning $\frac{3}{8} \times 0$ coal at the Boone County's plant in Monclo, W. Va.

HOW THE JIG WORKS

The Brusset jig consists essentially of a parallel pair of inclined reciprocating pervious decks enclosed by

sealed hoods or compartments. The two compartments are interconnected by a duct, which is closed off by means of a swinging vane, the top of the duct being arcuate so that the vane remains in contact with it throughout its swing. The vane is approximately the same length as the decks and in height is approximately equivalent to the width of one of the decks. At the bottom it is mounted on a shaft which is externally driven in reciprocation from a crank shaft. The top of the vane swings freely through an arc determined by the eccentricity of the cranks. This arc is adjustable, but is normally operated at 60 deg, 30 deg each side of vertical. It is the movement of this vane which displaces air and produces the separating flow through the bed of material on the decks. Adjustable ports in the vane are used to further adjust the volume and pressure of the air displaced by the vane.

OPERATING CYCLE

The operating cycle is reversing. When, for example, the vane is moving clockwise about its axis, it tends to produce a vacuum in the compartment above the left hand deck. This results in upward flow of air through that deck, distending the material in the bed to produce stratification in densimetric layers. The same motion produces a positive pressure in the compartment above the right hand deck, tending to force air downward through the bed of material on the deck. The negative pressure generated above the deck under the influence of the vacuum part of the cycle is usually

regulated in the range 3 to 6 in water gauge. It has been found, however, that it is not desirable to return all the impulse air back through the deck and a relief valve is provided which, at the proper time in the cycle, opens to by-pass some of the air around the pressurized deck. A by-pass compartment between the two decks opens into the space beneath the decks and thus permits all air which goes through the by-pass or passes downward through the right hand deck, to be drawn upward through the left hand deck, thus completing the cycle. At the end of the stroke, the cycle reverses and, as the vane moves in the counterclockwise direction, air is drawn up through the right hand deck. During this portion of the cycle, the by-pass ports for the right hand deck are closed but those connected with the left hand deck open at the proper point to by-pass the correct percentage of the air in motion.

CONSTRUCTION FEATURES

The decks are supported on adjustable inclined rubber-bushed toggles and are actuated in opposition through ball bearing eccentrics on a common shaft provided with a variable speed drive. Raw coal is fed at each side of each deck, close to the mid point of the length. The delivery is by means of fixed spouts, inside the airtight compartments, with adjustable gates to regulate the feeding rate. The decks of the unit, moving beneath the feed chutes, serve as reciprocating feeders.

The deck motion is such that the refuse material, settling on the deck, is conveyed up the slope, contra-gravity, to the refuse discharge end while the upper lighter strata of clean coal flow by gravity to the clean coal discharge end. Adjustable barrages at each end control the bed thickness. The inclination of the toggles and the slope of the deck are independently adjustable and a secondary adjustment provides for different inclination of a short section of each deck near the refuse discharge point.

The compartment beneath the decks is sealed from the atmosphere and from the compartments above the decks, but is open to the bottoms of both decks and to the by-pass channel between the decks. It is shaped to form two hoppers, one extending across the forward half of the two decks and the other across the rear half. These hoppers receive dust products which pass through the decks. The total enclosed volume of the jig is 314 cu ft; 183 cu ft above the decks, 131 cu ft below the decks.

Sealed rotary evacuators are provided for the clean coal and refuse discharge from each deck and for the

TABLE II—Summary of Performance, 1950 to 1955

Date	1950 Sept.	1951 March	1951 Sept.	1952 Jan.	1954 June	1955 July
Size of Feed.....	3/4 X 0	3/8 X 0	3/8 X 0	3/8 X 0	3/8 X 0	3/8 X 0
Tonnage/Hour.....	30	20	25	25	22	25
Raw Coal Ash.....	13.0	12.0	15.8	14.8	17.0	25.2
Clean Coal Ash.....	9.6	9.0	9.3	8.5	9.7	11.7
Refuse Ash.....	39.7	41.0	37.3	43.3	45.4	44.2
Theoretical Recovery.....	95.5	96.0	90.7	90.8	90.0	80.3
Actual Recovery.....	88.7	90.6	76.8	81.9	80.1	58.5
Efficiency.....	92.8	94.4	89.0	90.1	89.0	72.9
% Ash Reduction.....	26.2	25.0	41.1	42.6	45.8	53.6

TABLE III—Details of Gravimetric Quality of Raw Coal

1950				1954			
Feed Coal—3/4 X 48M				Feed Coal—3/8 X 48M			
S. G.	% Wt.	% Ash	% Cum. Ash		% Wt.	% Ash	% Cum. Ash
1.40	80.3	3.88	3.88		77.8	4.1	4.1
1.50	6.9	15.97	4.84		5.0	18.4	4.9
1.60	2.5	26.12	5.43		2.1	31.1	5.6
1.70	1.3	35.00	5.85		0.8	38.8	5.9
1.90	1.5	44.65	6.48		1.5	49.8	6.6
Sink	7.5	83.11	12.25		12.8	85.9	16.8
	100.0	12.25			100.0	16.8	
Ash %, 48M X 0.....			15.82	Ash %, 48M X 0.....			25.0
PERFORMANCE							
Recovery.....			88.7%	Recovery.....			80.1%
Ash %, Clean Coal.....			9.6%	Ash %, Clean Coal.....			9.7%
Ash %, Reject.....			39.7%	Ash %, Reject.....			45.4%

*48M X 0 not included

two dust products. The seal confines the dust within the jig.

The six evacuators are driven from a single motor. Separator motors, with variable speed drives, are provided for the air vane, which operates in the range of 180 to 200 rpm; and for the head motion of the decks, which operate in the range 290 to 330 rpm. The by-pass valve is synchronized with the air vane. Its port openings as well as its cyclic timing are adjustable, for adaption to different types and sizes of coal being treated.

With the exception of the driving mechanisms, the entire machine is encased in a dusttight housing. Access doors, manholes and handholes are provided for maintenance and inspection. Inspection handholes are also provided and are equipped with dust-tight sleeves to permit manual investigation of the beds during operation.

JIG OPERATION

In operation, the Brusset jig differs from conventional pneumatic separators in several major aspects.

1. It is a complete processing opera-

tion within itself and requires no auxiliaries except the conveying equipment for delivering the raw feed and recovering the final products. No external blowers, exhausters, dust collectors, filters or ductwork are installed.

2. The stratification of the bed on the decks is effected by means of intermittent reversing impulses in much the same manner as a wet jig, rather than by continuous upward flow of air. The action of the vacuum jig further parallels that of the Baum-type jig in that it provides control of the "back-suction". The adjustable by-pass valve definitely controls the proportion of the impulse air which returns downward through the decks, the remainder by-passing automatically to the space beneath the decks, thereby preventing undue packing or tightening of the bed.

Thus the machine is properly classed as a jig, since it incorporates the operating characteristics of the jig, but utilizes a gaseous medium (air) instead of a liquid (water). As a matter of fact, the actuating medium is not

truly air alone, but rather a suspension of fine solids in air. The continued reuse of the original air, in a totally enclosed compartment, without any means of settling or otherwise separating the suspended dust, quickly saturates the air to its maximum carrying capacity. The result is a medium of average density appreciably above that of atmospheric air, producing in effect a gaseous "dense medium".

3. The lifting action which distends the bed of material to permit free settling of the higher gravity particles is produced by negative pressure or vacuum. This vacuum is of course maximum at the point of application, i.e., at the upper surface of the bed. Because of the resistance of the bed, the intensity of the vacuum reduces through the depth of the bed and is minimum at the deck plate. It would appear, therefore, that the greatest lifting effect is produced in the upper strata, where maximum fluidity is required to permit the cleaned product to flow by gravity, in opposition to the conveying action of the deck. Conversely, a minimum degree of agitation is produced in the lower, settled strata of heavy rejects which must remain in contact with the deck surface to be conveyed mechanically by the deck motion.

4. The dust passing through the forward or clean-coal end of the deck is kept separate from the dust through the refuse end, the two products being separately evacuated from the machine. While the separation in the -48 mesh range is not highly accurate, there is slight difference in the ash content of these two dust products and their separate discharge provides additional operating flexibility. To obtain minimum ash in the clean coal, both dust products may be diverted to the refuse. But when the requirements are not as stringent, both may be included with the clean coal. Normally, at Monclo, both dusts are added to the clean coal product. In this connection, it may be pointed out that dedusted feeds do not respond to treatment in the Brusset jig. The dust helps make the separating media, and without it the vacuum relief air currents pass through the interstitial openings in the bed too freely to provide even distention of the entire bed.

HOW COAL FLOWS

Each jig in the plant is fed by gravity from a 20-ton surge bin. This provides the means for a steady feed to each jig and also provides the air-seal required to prevent the escape of air and dust via the feed hoppers of the jigs.

The clean product is collected and

conveyed to surge bins for ultimate loading into railroad cars or blending with coarser grades for preparation of nut and slack grade coals.

The refuse product from the jigs is collected and conveyed to the Baum jig washers for salvage of any coal in the Brusset jig refuse.

The sizing of the raw coal delivered to the jigs is accomplished by screening the R-O-M coal at 1 1/4 in with direct delivery of the plus 1 1/4 sizes to the Baum jig. The raw 1 1/4 x 0 is re-processed on vibrating screens for final sizing of the air plant feed. While the Brusset jig plant addition was originally designed for treating 1/4 x 0 coal, it is presently treating 3/8 x 0. This change came about as a result of the overall degrading of raw coal quality by the increase of mechanical mining methods in the mines, thereby necessitating more effective and efficient cleaning of all grades of the raw coal. This change in jig feed size will be discussed in greater detail later.

The raw coal by-pass feature of the plant flowsheet is a predominant feature in the preparation of the 3/8 x 0 product. The Brusset jig's performance is definitely affected by the surface moisture of the raw coal entering the jig. At surface moisture contents up to 4.0%, the jig performance is normal and satisfactory. With surface moisture contents in the range 4.0% to approximately 7.5%, the jig receives and discharges the coal with only nominal beneficiation and with some reduction in the jig capacity. At surface moisture contents above 7.5%, the jig will not pass the raw coal and it becomes necessary to shut down the jig and rake it clean to allow resumption of operation on dry coal. This clean out operation of the jig requires the time of one man for about 20 minutes. It is therefore desirable to provide a means for directing any wet or very damp raw coal away from the jig.

At one time jig-capacity tests were made under various moisture conditions. Based upon a capacity of 100% of that desired at a surface moisture content of 3.0%, which is the average of the coal feed to the jig, the following results were obtained:

Surface Moisture, %	Capacity, %
3.0	100
3.7	110
4.5	86
6.0	78
7.5	22
9.0	0

These figures were obtained under conditions during which the jig was adjusted in the direction of obtaining the maximum capacity at a reasonable

cleaning efficiency. In other words, the figures above were dependent only upon the difference in surface moisture of the feed coal.

At the Boone County plant, the mine-run dump operator controls a by-pass gate in the 3/8 x 0 raw coal conveyor feeding the air plant. The gate provides means to by-pass the air plant whenever there is wet raw coal approaching the air plant. The wet coal is directed to the Baum-jig plant where it is washed, centrifugally dewatered, and combined with the clean coal from the air plant for ultimate loading into railroad cars. The dumper, based upon his experience, judges whether or not the coal being dumped is suitable for Brusset treatment.

PLANT OPERATION

The Brusset-jig section of the plant at Monclo includes the conveying systems delivering the raw coal to the jigs, and the conveying system taking the jig products away from that section of the plant. One operator is required to operate this section of the plant. This includes starting and stopping the plant, maintaining the operating adjustments of the jigs, and daily cleaning of the jig decks. With four or five jigs operating, this duty is a full-time job for one man.

Mechanical maintenance of the jigs is handled by the plant maintenance crew, working on non-productive shifts. To date the equivalent of approximately one-fifth of a man shift per day is required to maintain the Brusset-jig plant. The primary duty of the plant operator is to make frequent manual checks of each jig to determine the existing performance of each and to adjust deck toggle settings, deck speed; or any other adjustment required to allow the consistent jig performance desired. Experience has shown that extreme variations in the reject content of the jig feed or a change of 2.0% or more in surface moisture usually necessitate a change in jig adjustment. Usually a slight change in toggle setting or deck speed will correct jig performance. These adjustments can be made while the jig is operating.

In some cases where a vast change in size consists of the feed, vast and continued change in reject content of the feed, or a continued increase or decrease in feed moisture content occur, it is necessary to adjust the opening of the vent in the air vane, the height of the deck barrages, or the pitch of the decks. Any one of these adjustments can be made in a matter of 5 to 10 min, but require the interruption of jig operation. Well-trained,

experienced operators can usually determine the adjustment necessary just by "feeling" the bed of material in the deck and thereby judging jig performance. Until the operators are experienced, frequent sink-float tests of the jig products are used as a basis for jig adjustment.

MAINTENANCE

Mechanical maintenance of the jigs has been confined almost exclusively to three major items, namely: Jig deck surface material, deck mounting bushings, and deck air seals. The jig decks are surfaced with 20-gauge, bronze, perforated, crimped plates. The plates are punched with a 1/32-in hole and contain 19% open area. The plates are purchased as flat perforated sheets 9 ft long and 18 in wide. Each deck requires two plates. The plates are crimped or "stepped" by the jig plant operator in a small break made especially for the job and located in the Brusset jig plant. The operator usually has enough spare time on regular shifts to prepare an adequate supply of crimped deck plates for all of the jigs in the plant.

The deck plates normally last approximately 2,500 hr. During this period they are sometimes broken accidentally during cleaning but can readily be restored by soldering. Replacement of the deck surface on one deck requires one man-shift of labor.

The deck mounting bushings are Lord Company hard rubber bushings with 1 1/4 in. I.D. and 3 in. O.D. Each deck requires 8 mounting bushings and one bushing at the deck pitman rod connection pin. The pitman rod bushing and the two bushings nearest the drive end of the deck normally have a life of 3,500 hr. The remaining bushings will normally have a life of 4,000 to 8,000 hr. Each bushing replacement requires about four man-hours of labor.

The deck air seals are fiber boards mounted on the rubbing surface between the reciprocating deck and the jig housing. To date these seals have been replaced one time, at the end of three years' operation, on the Boone County jigs. The cost of the seal material is practically negligible, but about five man-shifts labor per jig is required to replace seals.

The cost of treating coal in the Brusset jig is shown in Table I. These figures include the operation and maintenance of the Brusset jigs and the conveying system delivering $\frac{3}{8}$ x 0 raw coal to the surge bins ahead of the jigs, and receiving the $\frac{3}{8}$ x 0 clean coal and refuse products from the jigs. The sizing of the raw coal, the loading of the clean coal, and the rewash-

of the jig refuse is not included in the cost shown on Table I.

The operation and maintenance of the Brusset jig plant is a relatively simple matter requiring strict attention only to changes in the characteristics in quality of the jig feed. Jig performance is consistent as long as there are no wide variations in feed quality. Over a five year period the Brusset jig feed at Boone County Coal Corp. has constantly shown an increase in the percentage of heavy rejects present in the raw coal. The quality of the Brusset jig clean coal during that same five year period has shown a tendency toward a higher ash product. Fortunately the increase in clean coal ash has been at a decidedly lower rate than the increase in raw coal ash over the same five year period. In that time, raw coal ash has increased from 13.0% to 25.2%, while clean coal ash has increased from 9.6% to 11.7%. At the same time the refuse quality measured in ash content has remained fairly constant, 39.7% to 44.2% ash.

TESTS AND RESEARCH

During the early stages of operation of the Brusset jig at Monclo, extensive testing and research was sponsored by the operator and manufacturer of the Brusset jig to satisfy any condition of operation that might be confronted, including size of feed, feed quality, moisture content of feed, etc.

Tests were made on $\frac{3}{8}$ x 0, $\frac{1}{2}$ x 0, and $\frac{5}{8}$ x 0 feeds, on many rates of jig feed, on automatic reject control mechanisms, and on various deck surface designs, plus several other phases of jig operation.

The following conclusions were made, based upon the extensive tests recorded at the Boone County Coal Corp. plant:

1. Percentage of reject removal under given conditions ranged from 48% to 64% for $\frac{3}{8}$ in, $\frac{1}{2}$ in or $\frac{5}{8}$ in top size feeds. The rate of separation of rejects from coal in the 48Mx0 size range did not vary over 20% regardless of the maximum particle size of the jig feed. In the 48Mx0 range the reject percentage was 30% to 34% for any size range of feed coal. The greatest effect of size range of feed coal on jig performance was in the capacity of the jig. For a given separating efficiency, jig capacity ranged from 30 tph for $\frac{3}{8}$ x 0 feed, 25 tph for $\frac{1}{2}$ x 0 feed, to 22 tph for $\frac{5}{8}$ x 0 feed.

2. Reduction of tonnage based upon the aforementioned capacities being normal for the given size range of feed, did not provide direct relationship between capacity reduction and

separation efficiency improvement. Considering the performance noted on Table III, 1954 as normal, reduction of feed tonnage to 14 tph improved performance only to the extent of improving separating efficiency from 89.0% to 90.5%. At feed tonnage below 14 tph there was no improvement in efficiency and at tonnages below 11 tph separating efficiency declined rapidly. The reduction in efficiency at very low tonnage is due to the occurrence of blow-holes or thin spots in the bed of material on the jig deck which impairs stratification on the deck.

At feed tonnages above that noted as normal, separating efficiency drops rapidly as tonnage increases so that with approximately 30% increase in normal feed rate, separation on the jig becomes nil and only very slight beneficiation of the raw coal can be realized.

3. Various automatic reject controls were tested with only intermittent or slight success. The hindering factor in using an automatic device in the Brusset Jig is the difficulty of devising a device for feeling, weighing, or otherwise determining the quality of material at any given point on the bed.

JIG LIMITATIONS

Following nearly 6 yr of practical operating experience with the Brusset Jig, the operators at Boone County Coal Corp. feel that the jig is practical for application on fine coal with the following limitations:

1. Capacity of the jig should not be expected to exceed 30 tph on any feed up to $\frac{3}{8}$ in top size.

2. The surface moisture of the feed coal must be limited to a maximum of 4.2% with an average surface moisture of about 3.75%.

3. The quality of the raw coal should not be widely variable in rejects, preferably with intermittent variation of reject percentage, limited to plus or minus 20% of the average reject percentage. The reason for this conclusion being the lack of instantaneous automatic controls on the jig for increasing or decreasing rejects removal during variation of feed quality.

4. The rate of reject removal of the coal cleaned in the jig should not be expected to exceed 65% and should be expected to fall in the range of 50% to 60% if coal loss in the reject is to be under 25% of the reject material. If the ash resulting from this performance meets the desired specifications the Brusset jig can satisfactorily deliver a clean coal product.



FIG. 1—STEEL-BAR CHAIN with bearing plates carries lightly constructed conveyor belt and also moves it along.

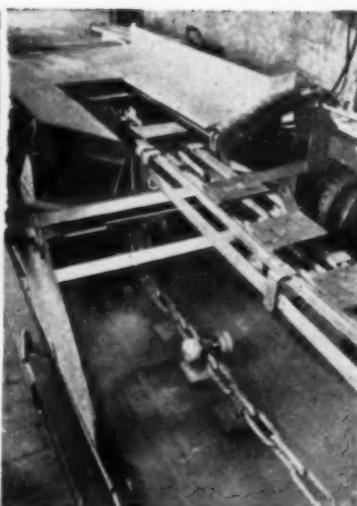


FIG. 2—BEARING PLATES of round-link chain rest on the return strand of the belt and move it along.

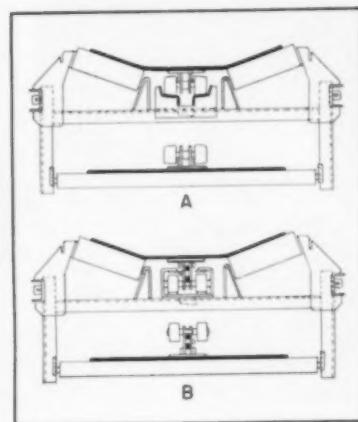


FIG. 3—CENTRAL TRACK replaces carrying idler and guides roller-equipped round chain in new design.

New Conveyor Types For Lower-Cost Coal Handling

Now being pioneered abroad, several new types of horizontal and elevating conveyors may soon find application in U. S. mines and plants. What the new units are, where they can be used and how they stack up are summarized below.

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NECESSITY BREEDS PROGRESS, and a remarkable degree of progress has been made in the mechanical handling of materials. While much is known of new materials-handling devices built in the United States, little has been published here on recent developments in Europe. Since an exchange of ideas is not only stimulating and thought-provoking, but also helps us to make progress, I shall in the following describe some European trends which have come about in the past 5 yr.

Political and economic circumstances have greatly influenced the work of European engineers. Shortage of raw materials, and the necessity to accomplish much with limited means have been, in many instances, the

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governing factors for new designs. The result has been savings in material and operating costs, as well as greater flexibility in particular equipment.

Such trends are evident in, among other things:

Belt conveyors which can be built to almost unlimited length and at the same time use light and inexpensive rubber belting.

Conveyors which can handle material on the forward as well as on the return strands across valleys or rivers.

Belt conveyors which carry material on inclines up to 65 deg.

Conveyors which can carry bulk material around vertical and horizontal curves.

BELT CONVEYORS

The rubber belt of a belt conveyor serves a dual purpose: (1) carrying the load and (2) transmitting horsepower from the driving pulley to move the load. The ability of the belt

to carry the load remains unchanged regardless of the length over which the load has to be transported or the height to which it has to be lifted. However, the horsepower for driving a conveyor increases with its length and lift. An increase in horsepower demands a proportionally stronger and, consequently, more expensive rubber belt. In many instances, the cost of the belt is as high as the cost of all the mechanical components of a belt conveyor. In addition, replacement of the belt, which is subject to much wear, is ordinarily necessary at regular intervals.

Hence, it has been attempted to reduce the initial cost of a heavy conveyor belt by replacing it by a lightly constructed one whose function is restricted to carrying the material only. Imparting forward motion and transmitting the horsepower is performed by an inexpensive chain or wire rope.

The advantages which can be expected from such a belt conveyor design are:

Relatively low purchase cost.



FIG. 4—INTERMEDIATE DRIVE STATION has sprockets chained together to synchronize speed of sections.

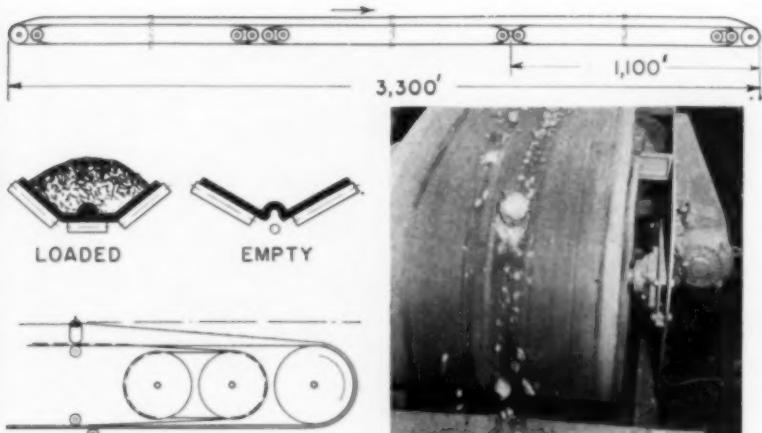


FIG. 5—WIRE ROPE inserted in recess in specially constructed belt supplies traction in this design.



FIG. 6—HOW WIRE-ROPE OPERATED conveyor belt looks when set up for service.

Less danger of a belt fire because there is no belt slip at the pulleys.

Almost unlimited conveyor length.

Power requirements estimated at up to 50% less than those of ordinary belt conveyors.

However, it should be emphasized that these conveyors are still in the experimental stage, and what appears to be promising at the moment might not turn out to be an actual improvement.

Steel - Bar - Chain Propulsion—The first conveyor to be discussed here propels the belt by means of a steel-bar chain (Fig. 1). Every second or third link of the chain is provided with a bearing plate which supports the top run and carries the belt with the material lying on it. On the lower run the bearing plates rest on the belt and move it along in the opposite direction (Fig. 2). Tensile forces in the belt are almost entirely eliminated. Belt breaks cannot occur. It is possible to use even patched rubber belts or new, lightly constructed belts of low tensile strength. Considerable cost advantages are gained.

Standard terminal pulleys and troughing and return idlers can be used except that the center roll of a troughing idler is replaced by a chain guide roll or by a track. This means that standard belt conveyors can easily be converted with retention of most of their existing machinery and structure.

Round-Link-Chain Propulsion—If a round-link instead of a steel-bar chain

is used as a means of imparting the forward motion to the conveyor, the haulage capacity can be considerably increased. The round-link chain (Fig. 2) can run at a speed of as high as 500 fpm, while the speed of a steel-bar chain is restricted to 200 fpm maximum. The chain is equipped with roller attachments and is guided on a central track (Fig. 3). Model "A" is intended for conveying either uphill, downhill or horizontally. Model "B" is used with conveyors which negotiate vertical curves. Conveyors can be made almost any length if intermediate drives are inserted. However, one separate chain must be used for each intermediate drive section (Fig. 4). If the tail sprocket of one drive section is coupled with the driving sprocket of the following section a synchronized conveyor speed is assured.

Forty-five of these conveyors with a total length of approximately 60,000 ft were in operation at the time this article was written.

Rubber-Covered Steel-Wire-Rope Conveyor—With the same goal of separating the tension-carrying from the material-carrying elements, rubber-covered wire rope of high tensile strength has been used, in another design, in place of the steel chain.

However, the conveyor belt must be of special construction for this application. This belt is made of only a few plies of cotton duck (Figs. 5 and 6). It is strengthened at the edges and in the specially designed middle section by diagonal layers of reinforcing material. The middle section includes a groove over the total length of the bottom side of the belt into which the power-transmitting wire

rope is inserted. The gripping action by the belt is strong enough to prevent slippage under any load condition. The heavier the load, the more the adherence between the rope and the belt. Special two-pulley idlers near the head end of the conveyor open the groove and separate the rope from the belt. The rope is then free to be guided over the driving sheave.

To limit the diameter of the wire rope, long-run conveyors can be subdivided into several flights, and intermediate drives can be located every 2,000 to 3,000 ft. For example, on a 1 1/4-mi-long conveyor, the first drive would be at the first third of the conveyor length. This drive would operate the first and the second flights. The third flight would be driven by a second drive located at the head end of the conveyor. At the transition from one flight to the other, the wire rope of one flight is separated from the belt, and the rope of the following flight is inserted in its place. The carrying belt continues uninterrupted over the entire length of the conveyor.

The material can be discharged over the conveyor head pulley or at any point along the conveyor path by raising the belt and tilting it. Owing to the special construction of the belt at its center, a flexible joint action is obtained which results in better than normal troughability. Standard conveyor idlers can be used. However, the belt is loaded with the largest cross section if the end pulleys of the idlers are inclined at 40 to 42 deg. Ridges and ripples can be molded on the carrying side of the belt to prevent rollback of the material on slopes. Slopes up to 25 to 30 deg can then be negotiated safely.

The centrally located driving rope



FIG. 7—CONVEYING BELT suspended from rail beam and operated by ropeway.

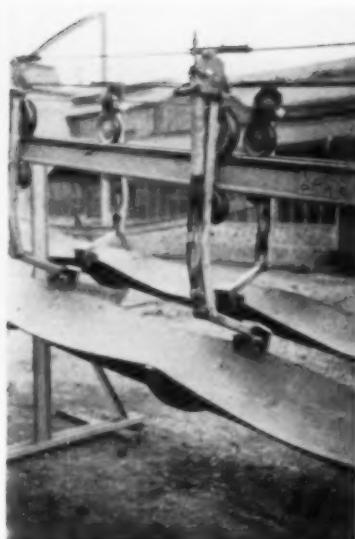


FIG. 8—STEEL HANGER developed for use with suspended conveyor belt.



FIG. 9—MATERIAL-DISCHARGE ARRANGEMENT for suspended conveyor belt.

supports a large part of the weight of the conveyed material and will, therefore, result in a saving in power. Practical experience has not yet been gained with this conveyor. It was exhibited for the first time in 1954, at the Mining Fair in Essen, Germany, (Fig. 6).

Several problems still remain to be solved by the inventor. The complete lack of tension will cause belts wider than 24 in to sag between idlers. There is no doubt that the belt design will have to be improved. Ribs will have to be added while the middle of the belt and the cable will serve as backbone. Furthermore, the drives will have to be perfected because the spliced joints of the cable might damage the sheaves. An additional shortcoming is that the sheaves now used have too small a diameter to give satisfactory service.

Although some of these new types of belt conveyors have been well accepted in Europe, only time will tell whether they will open up a more practical, and more economical, way in belt-conveyor design.

A comparison with American practice shows that American engineers have most successfully solved the problem of moving heavy loads farther and higher. This has been accomplished by new conveyor belting designed for longer runs and higher lifts. In contrast to the European method, no change of the standard machinery components for belt conveyors is necessary, yet the belt is lighter in weight than duck and rubber belting of equal strength and more resilient than steel-reinforced belting.

SUSPENDED CONVEYING BELTS

The separation of the carrying from the power-transmitting elements featuring the conveyor design previously discussed also has been employed in other inventions. One result is a most interesting attempt at "crossbreeding" a belt conveyor and a ropeway (Fig. 7). The operation of this system is as follows:

An ordinary ropeway is equipped with profile steel hangers spaced on 5-ft centers (Fig. 8). The hangers are suspended from rollers running on a rail beam, and carry at the bottom a hinged tray in which the conveyor belt lies.

Material can be loaded onto the conveyor at any chosen point.

The hangers carry the belt in the same position on the forward and return runs. At the discharge point, guide sheaves attached to the hangers run over a special rail bar, Fig. 9, which tilts the tray to an angle of 90 deg. Consequently, the belt takes a vertical position, and can be led around a turn-pulley (Fig. 10). The advantages of this conveyor are:

Unusual conveying length can be achieved without transfer points.

Inexpensive rubber belts can be used even for long conveyors.

Larger tonnages than with ordinary belt conveyors can be moved because of deeper belt troughing and higher belt speeds.

Danger of fire is reduced because the belt is carried in trays and is not subject to excessive friction.

Vertical and horizontal curves can be negotiated.

Materials can be carried in either direction—on the forward as well as on the backward runs (Fig. 11).

Doubts about discharging the material from the conveyor or leading the belt around the turn pulleys have been eliminated during early test runs of a pilot model which proved essentially the following:

Conveyor speed can be as high as 800 fpm.

There is no problem in tilting the belt around a 90-deg angle within a distance of twice its width. The belt, being subject to centrifugal forces, forms a radius while it turns.

Another question was possible sagging of the belt between the trays, and also the height of the trays, which did not permit the installation of supporting idlers at the loading points. However, solutions to these problems were found. The trays were made of plate steel and, consequently, impact idlers could be installed at the loading points. Sagging of the belt was prevented when the belt and the pulling rope were taken up independently from each other.

Finally, it can be stated that the inventor has developed a materials-handling device which is functioning well. A price saving will, no doubt, occur on long conveyors with carrying capacities of between 400 and 5,000 tph.

The "Gliding Belt"—A similar conveyor type was developed by "cross-breeding" a belt conveyor with a ski-

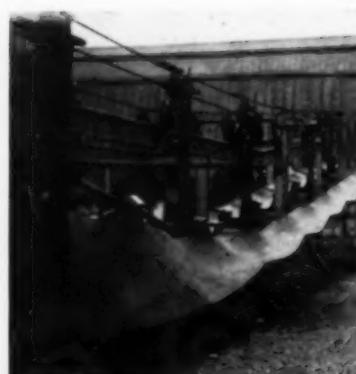


FIG. 11—**SUSPENDED CONVEYING BELT** can carry material on return strand as well as forward. Strands can be side by side.

FIG. 10—**TURN PULLEY** designed for application on suspended conveying belt.

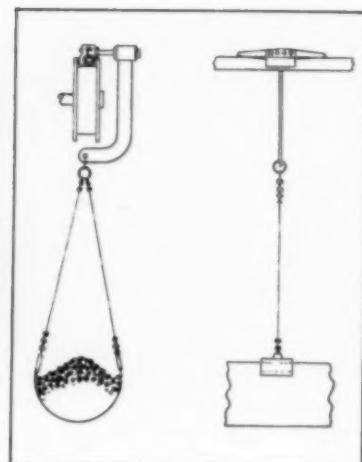


FIG. 12—**GLIDING BELT** is suspended from rail beam and operated by rope.



FIG. 13—**CARRYING BELT** of gliding conveyor is suspended on chains.



FIG. 14—**DEEP POCKETS** decrease rollback with gliding belt.

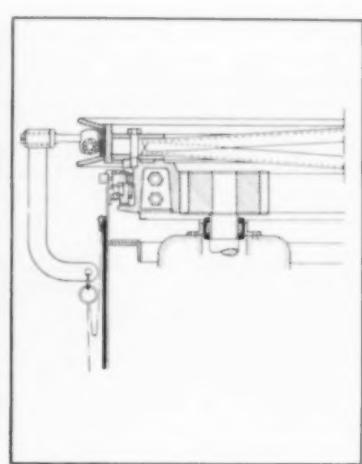


FIG. 15—**ROPE WHEEL** with drive and turn pulley for gliding belt.

lift, and has been named "Schwebebahn," which could be translated "Gliding Belt."

The device differs from the well known ski-lift in that the seats which carry the skier uphill are replaced by a troughed conveyor belt (Fig. 12). The belt is suspended from chains which are fastened at the belt edges and hang from steel buckles, which in turn are clipped to the rope. The rope way is spanned between conveyor supports (Fig. 13).

Like those previously described, this belt also does not have to transmit any driving power. The wire rope carries and moves the belt along. The only major forces to which the belt is exposed are those generated during the loading operation when the belt

has to catch the material between two buckles. The belt must be of such construction that it will stretch to a certain degree when it goes around curves to compensate for expansion and compression. A pilot installation has shown the following:

A belt consisting of only two plies, but reinforced to five plies at the edges, has proved the most successful.

The length of the chain should be equivalent to the width of the belt.

The belt should be suspended at centers 1.2 to 1.6 times belt width.

The sides of the empty run, as well as of the loaded, take on a wavy shape (Fig. 14). Deep dents are formed at those points where the chains are fastened to the belt. These dents subdivide the belt into cells into which

the material is squeezed tightly. Back sliding or rolling of the material on inclined conveyors is thus prevented. Angles up to 30 deg have offered no difficulties.

The greatest advantage for the purchaser of a gliding belt is the low price of the belting. A saving of at least 50% over a standard conveyor belt has been estimated for long installations. However, it must not be forgotten that this saving is offset—to a certain degree—by the additional requirement of a wire rope. Although a wire rope is comparatively inexpensive, it will have to be replaced several times during the life of the belt.

The wire rope of a ski-lift is constantly under tension and can, there-

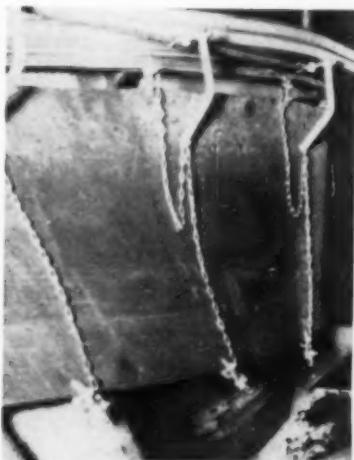


FIG. 16—HOW GLIDING BELT is led around turn pulley to reverse direction.

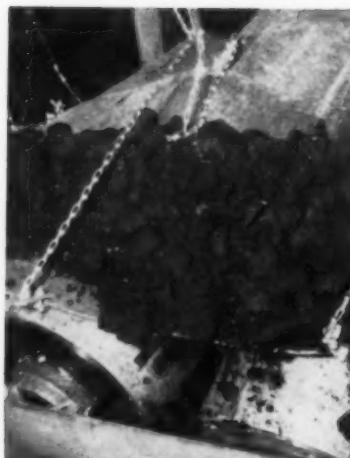


FIG. 17—TILTED IDLERS discharge material from gliding belt.

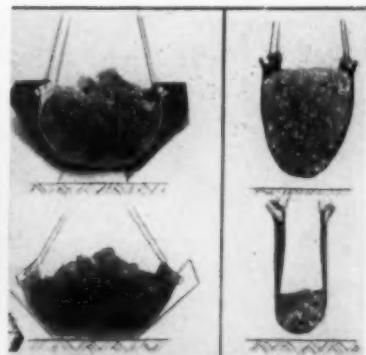


FIG. 18—GLIDING BELT during loading and transporting stages.



FIG. 19—ELEVATING CONVEYOR BELT with cleats in belt.



FIG. 20—TROUGHED CONVEYOR BELT can handle 6-in lumps at 65 deg.

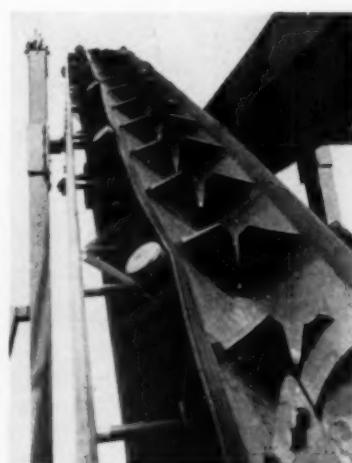


FIG. 21—CLEAT SECTION forms solid wall over idlers on carrying run.

fore, be expected to stretch. This means, in the case of the gliding belt, that any elongation of the rope has to be matched by the elongation of the belt. To achieve this synchronized stretch, the belt is led over a take-up pulley which turns loosely and independently from the rope-drive wheel (Figs. 15 and 16). There are other advantages in taking the belt up, since a tight belt will not sag easily, and also will remain in a more stable position when exposed to strong winds.

To protect the belt, it seemed desirable to unfold it before bringing it around the terminal pulley. First, the belt is guided between two side rollers, then it is carried and lifted by flat idlers which are installed in succession, in increasingly tilted positions, below the belt ahead of the terminal pulley. This arrangement provides at

the same time a simple and easy way of discharging the material from the belt (Fig. 17).

The gliding belt will have an estimated 50% higher capacity than a standard troughed belt conveyor. This higher capacity is the result of a considerably larger cross-sectional area, which is achieved by special troughing idlers under the loading point. Each of these idlers is built of three pulleys of equal length, with the side pulleys inclined 47½ deg (Fig. 18). During loading of the conveyor the suspension chains are, of course, slack.

The load on the belt and the belt weight itself should be kept to a minimum to reduce the forces acting on the rope. It is, therefore, desirable to use narrow belts, and to increase accelerating its speed. The maximum speed with which this conveyor can

operate has, however, not yet been determined. During trial runs, the conveyor has reached a speed of approximately 1,000 fpm.

Although the cleaning of the belt is not of major importance, because the carrying side of the belt does not come in contact with any machinery parts, it is advisable to remove sticky or frozen material from the belt to prevent it from being carried back. It is satisfactory to hose the dirty carrying side of the belt while it turns, unfolded, around a terminal pulley.

To summarize:

1. The design of the gliding belt, including the method of loading and unloading, has been proved in practice.

2. The gliding belt will have about



FIG. 22—SPECIAL DISK IDLERS support return of elevating conveyor.



FIG. 23—BUCKET-WHEEL DREDGERS used in Germany now are equipped with special "hugger belts" to enable them to discharge material at greater depths.

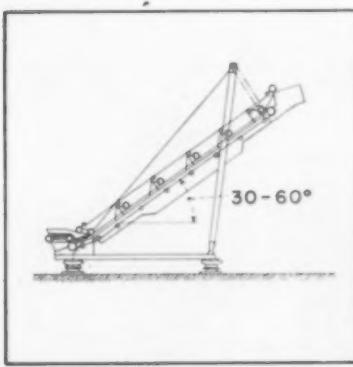


FIG. 24—HUGGER BELT over regular belt on elevating conveyor.



FIG. 25—WHERE HUGGER BELT meets regular belt on elevating unit.



FIG. 26—AUTOMOBILE TIRES press hugger belt down on regular belt.

50% higher capacity than a conventional belt conveyor of the same width operating at the same speed.

3. The gliding belt can operate safely at the same or at a slightly higher speed than a normal belt conveyor.

4. The belt can be narrower and lighter, and therefore cheaper, than the belt for a conventional belt conveyor. Savings of as high as 50% can be expected. However, these savings may often be offset by maintenance including frequent replacement of the wire rope.

5. Less power is required for the gliding belt because carrying and return idlers are eliminated.

6. The ultimate application of a gliding belt is limited by the strength of the wire rope and the length of the

span. Maximum rope diameter is 2 in, and maximum length of span is 500 ft. For long conveyors, it will be necessary to add intermediate supports.

ELEVATING CONVEYORS

The potential range of sizes, speeds, and capacities of belt conveyors is so great that these factors seldom determine whether a belt conveyor will serve the purpose. Of all the main physical characteristics of the plant requiring a belt-conveyor system, the most important is the relation between the horizontal distance the material has to be transported, and the vertical distance it has to be lifted. These two factors determine the angle of inclination of the conveyor. If this angle of inclination is so great that the material will roll back on the belt, it may be necessary to combine a conveyor with some other mechanical, and usually expensive means, for lifting the material. To avoid this additional equipment, it has often been the practice

to equip a conveyor belt with cleats which prevent the material from rolling back at steep inclines. When the material consists of large lumps these cleats can only be effective when they are of a certain height. High cleats, however, create new design problems.

Cleated Belts—Much effort has been expended in finding a successful solution to the cleat problem. An interesting type of elevating conveyor equipped with cleats was exhibited at the Mining Fair, at Essen, Germany, in 1954 (Fig. 19). The cleats are inserted into slots on the conveyor belting. They are made of pieces of used rubber belt, and can be of almost any chosen height. Side walls can also be added to prevent the material from sliding off to either side. Fixed idlers are eliminated, and are replaced by rollers attached to the belt below the cleats.

The rollers can guide the belt in channels around horizontal and vertical

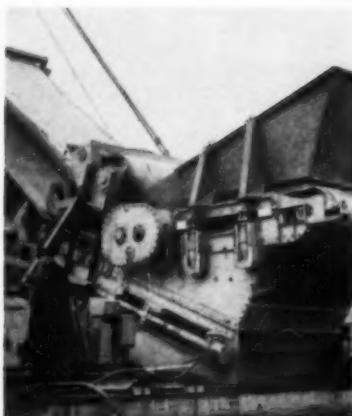


FIG. 27—LOADING HOPPER for elevating conveyor with hugger belt.



FIG. 28—CURVE-GOING CONVEYOR features linked apron sections.



FIG. 29—INTERMEDIATE DRIVING STATION for curve-going conveyor.



FIG. 30—FLEXIBILITY permits putting return strand up along rib.



FIG. 31—RETURN STRAND can carry materials into mine.

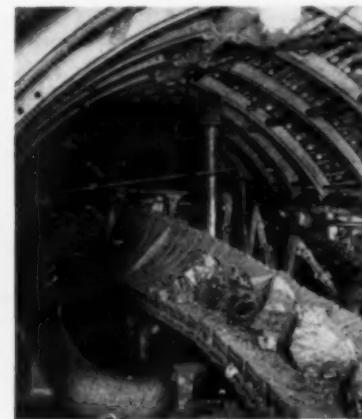


FIG. 32—CURVE-GOING CONVEYOR STRAND tilted 60 deg for discharge.

cal curves. On horizontal curves a conveyor requires, of course, additional side rollers. The minimum radius is 25 ft.

During the loading operation the belt runs in a slightly downward direction to let the material come to a state of rest before it is lifted.

The drive consists of a standard conveyor pulley. Material is usually discharged over the head end, but it is also possible to discharge it at any intermediate point by tilting the belt into a vertical position.

The conveyor also can be used in a declined position at transfer points in place of chutes, which would be too shallow to give the material the desired flow. The capacity is estimated at 150 to 200 tph with a belt width of about 18 in.

Troughed-Belt Design—While the conveyor previously described uses a flat belt, troughed designs include the

one shown in Fig. 20. This conveyor is capable of elevating material containing lumps up to 8 in at an angle as steep as 65 deg. Belt speed is 200 to 300 fpm. Here, again, cleats prevent the material from rolling back (Fig. 21). Two cleat sections are fastened to the belt parallel to but independent from each other. These sections close up to a solid wall when the belt is led over two-pulley troughing idlers supporting the carrying strand. For the return strand special return disk idlers are required (Fig. 22). The belts are manufactured in widths ranging from 16 to 36 in. Several installations are already in operation. However, the experience gathered until now is not great enough to permit passing judgment on the success of this design.

The "Hugger Belt"—The problem of carrying material on a steeply inclined belt conveyor also has been ap-

proached in other ways, as on bucket-wheel dredgers (Fig. 23). The modern bucket-wheel dredger has an extraordinarily large capacity, ranging up to over 11,000 cu yd per hr. The digging element is a wheel with buckets attached thereto. The material is discharged by gravity onto a belt conveyor. Until recently, maximum working depth was about 17 ft because ordinary conveyor belts could not transport the material at inclines steeper than 18 to 20 deg. To work to greater depths it became necessary to develop an "elevating conveyor."

It was soon recognized that belt conveyors must be retained because of their high capacity, and that to prevent the material from rolling back another belt would have to be added to hold the material tightly onto the carrying belt.

The resultant "hugger belt" (Figs. 24 and 25) lies on top of the material



FIG. 33—APRON-CONVEYOR "TRAIN SECTION" approaching drive.



FIG. 34—APRON-CONVEYOR TRAINS can be switched like regular trains.



FIG. 35—HOPPER GATES are opened automatically by conveyor train.

on the carrying belt and prevents it from rolling back. Both belts are driven at a synchronized speed independently from each other. The hugger belt is pressed down on the carrying belt, and on the material, by spring-actuated automobile tires. Both belts are of standard design to make repairs or replacement easy.

It is possible with this arrangement to negotiate angles up to 40 deg without any difficulty. The automobile tires which press the hugger belt onto the carrying belt are shown in Fig. 26. The loading point is illustrated in Fig. 27, which also shows the top idlers above the hugger belt. These are necessary to prevent it from being raised by strong winds.

Naturally, this type of "elevating conveyor" is also used for various stationary applications.

CURVE-GOING CONVEYORS

The introduction of belt and apron conveyors to the European coal-mining industry during the first quarter of this century has brought advantages greater than any other type of mechanization. However, they could not be used in pitching seams, where more and more production was being concentrated, especially in Germany. Mining men and designers in that country therefore concentrated on developing a conveyor that would be able to follow the course of such a seam. This conveyor had to be able to go around curves and had to be of almost unlimited length to avoid transfer points. Thus the problem was clearly defined.

The resultant curve-going conveyor (Fig. 28) consists of a number of "linked" aprons which make it possible for the strand to negotiate horizontal curves. The secret is the connection

between apron sections. The minimum half radius has been determined to be 20 ft. Extraordinary conveyor lengths can be achieved if intermediate drives (Fig. 29) are installed.

The "linked" apron strand has great flexibility which permits the return to be led along the wall, as in Fig. 30. An additional twist even makes it possible to carry material on the return strand (Fig. 31).

The discharge of the material is accomplished by twisting the strand around an angle of 60 deg (Fig. 32). Any material can be carried from the mine as well as into it. Armor plating can be installed to permit cutters and other equipment to operate from the unit at the face.

Ten conveyors of this type have been installed in the German Ruhr. They are now operating with amazing precision and reliability. Some of these conveyors are as long as 8,200 ft. Power consumption is extraordinarily low. German engineers foresee a great future for this design.

Conveyors for Pitching Seams—Although characterized by great flexibility, linked-apron conveyors have been used exclusively for mining horizontal seams, since their high capacity, in relation to the low output, makes them uneconomical for pitching veins. Nevertheless, they have served as the basis for units designed to cope with pitching-seam conditions.

During installation of the usual curve-going conveyor the normally endless apron-strand is divided into several sections. These sections are then placed on the supporting truss and are driven over it for alignment. This is easily accomplished because a drive not only pushes the strand but also pulls it. Consideration of this fact

led to the conclusion that the conveyor sections need not be coupled in conventional fashion, and to the further conclusion that the sections could be operated like trains of cars riding on the carrying truss "track" (Fig. 33) as long as the length of a conveyor section was sufficient to reach from one intermediate drive to the next. Thus, one drive would pull the section up and then push it to the next, which would pick it up and move it along.

The length of strand section in practical application is determined by the distance over which the material has to be hauled and required capacity. An average length of 400 ft has been found very economical.

This apron-conveyor train can run over switches to different roads (Fig. 34). One or several trains can serve various working faces. Equipment and materials also can be carried into the mine.

The use of any number of trains 22 or 30 in wide permits tailoring the conveyor system to any required capacity. The drives are fully automatic and are turned on or off by the trains themselves. Consequently, the drives are running only as long as they have to move a train to the next drive. The hopper gates also are automatically opened or closed for loading by the conveyor train (Fig. 35). The switches are remotely controlled. The truss consists of standardized sections which are easily erected or dismantled, and can be used over again when the conveyor has to be moved to other roads.

Although 22 mi of this type of conveyor has been furnished to the mining industry, the construction should still be considered as in its infancy. It can reasonably be expected that the design will be improved.

Progress and Problems In Roof Support

Model testing and mine experimentation lay the foundations for better bolting. With better support, there should be greater concentration on the problem of keeping men out of the "danger zone" between the last permanent support and the face.

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ROOF-BOLT INSTALLATION to date has been largely on the basis of methods determined by experimentation in advance of general use throughout the mine. Very little investigative work had been done to develop mathematical formulas that could be used beforehand to determine the spacing of bolts, effective angle of installation, the best anchoring device, or the best diameters of drill holes and rods.

For accurate testing of stratified mine-roof structures under laboratory conditions, an improved centrifugal-testing apparatus was designed and built in the Bureau of Mines laboratory at College Park, Md. As designed, the apparatus provides a means of simulating gravity loading in a model. By the employment of strain gages it is impossible to determine the state of strain in the model for all loads up to failure, the actual distribution of stress, and whether the loaded model behaved as a beam with rigidly fixed ends or as some other type.

As the apparatus was found suitable for testing, in that the stress distribution produced in the simple beam models agreed with theory, it was decided to test models of bolted mine roof. In effect, the research was directed toward development of a scientific method of designing safe and efficient rock-bolting systems for a mine roof based on the physical and mechanical properties and the observable structure and sequence of the mine-roof strata. As this research proceeded in the laboratory, basic research in rock-bolting in underground mines continued. Under a cooperative agreement with the Youngstown Mines Corp., the facilities of the Dehue mine

(W. Va.) were made available to the bureau for investigation relating to all phases of rock-bolting. Three reports had been published on this mine research by the end of 1955 (ED. NOTE: R. I. Nos. 5154, 5155 and 5156).

GOOD BOLTING

In bolting to insure good roof control, the rock bolts should be installed immediately after the exposure of new roof, and they should be preloaded enough to minimize sag of the roof over the opening. The problem of measuring the preloading stress on a bolt was partially solved by using a commercial-type torque wrench. Tests on slotted-type roof bolts installed in a conventional manner indicate that a torque of 260 ft-lb applied to the nut will produce a load of 10,000 plus or minus 2,700 lb on the bolt. In spite of errors introduced by frictional effects in the nut-bolt-bearing plate assembly, the torque wrench is considered to be a practical instrument for checking the tightness of slotted-type roof bolts.

Tests on the torque-load relationship for $\frac{3}{4}$ -in expansion-type roof bolts disclosed that a torque of 200-ft-lb applied to the bolt will produce a load of 7,960 plus or minus 2,880 lb 90% of the time. For most installations of this type of bolt, the torque wrench can be considered sufficiently accurate. These determinations were made with flat mild-steel bearing plates. Since release of the publications some manufacturers have marketed embossed bearing plates and hardened washers, either of which will alter the torque-tension relationship. If either or both are used this revised relationship should be determined locally.

Apparatus and procedure were developed for testing the anchorage effectiveness of slotted-type mine-roof bolts. In this it was found that if the driving distance of the bolt was more than 1.25 in, satisfactory anchorage was obtained. Thus, driving distance could be used as a criterion for satisfactory anchorage.

The results of one part of laboratory research on the theory of model testing as applied to rock bolting, and directed toward development of a scientific method of designing safe and efficient rock-bolting systems, were published in March, 1956. The research period was from 1952 through 1955.

BOLTING FORMULAS

The theory of model testing as applied to rock-bolting required the investigation of theoretical and experimental stress analysis under centrifugal testing conditions. By the use of dimensional analysis, a general expression for a rock-bolting design formula in terms of the structural variables was obtained which, in turn, was transferred into an exact equation by experimental testing of models. The exact equation can be used for the design of rock-bolting systems. Basically, complete understanding of the model-prototype similarity requirements by the use of dimensional analysis is not necessary if the final result of the experimental work is acceptable.

The basic design formulas for rock-bolting systems is presented in Report of Investigations 5155, Equations 7, 12 and 14 (ED. NOTE: See accompanying table). The formulas are derived from the experimental determination of the values of the variables found by dimensional analysis, R. I. 5154, Equation 16. These design formulas provide a means of determining how much support is furnished by various bolting plans rather than indicating how much support is needed.

Abstract of a paper presented at the 1956 annual meeting of the Rocky Mountain Coal Mining Institute.

Roof-Bolting Formulas

$$RF = \frac{SF'}{SF}$$

(Eq. 7, R. I. 5155)

$$RF = \frac{1}{1 - D}$$

(Eq. 12, R. I. 5155)

$$D = 0.265(bL)^{1/4}[NP(h/t - 1)/w]^{1/2}$$

(Eq. 14, R. I. 5155)

$$\Sigma = f_3 \left(\frac{KwL}{E}, \frac{P}{EL^2}, \frac{L}{t}, \frac{L}{b}, \frac{h}{t}, N \right)$$

(Eq. 16, R. I. 5154)

$$\sigma_x \text{ max.} = wL^2/2t$$

(Eq. 1, R. I. 5156)

$$\gamma_{xy} \text{ max.} = 3wL/4$$

(Eq. 2, R. I. 5156)

$$\phi = qL^4/384EI = wL^4/32Et^2$$

(Eq. 3, R. I. 5156)

Term Definitions

RF, reinforcement factor produced by bolting (equals SF'/SF).

SF, safety factor for unbolted roof.

SF', safety factor for bolted roof.

D, decrease in bending strain resulting from bolting, expressed as a fraction of the theoretical value for bolted roof.

b, spacing between bolts along opening, inches.

L, roof span, inches.

N, number of bolts per set across opening.

P, bolt tension, pounds.

h, bolt length, also equal to thickness of bolted roof, inches.

t, thickness, inches, of bolted roof beds.

w, unit weight of rock, lb per cu ft.

Σ , unit strain, inches per inch, lengthwise of beams.

f_3 , undetermined function.

K, centrifugal loading ratio (for prototypes, K equals 1).

E, modulus of elasticity, immediate roof rock, psi.

P, bolt tension, pounds.

σ_x , unit stress, psi, along the beam.

γ_{xy} , unit shearing stresses in the lengthwise and vertical directions of the beam.

ϕ , deflection of the beam at midspan, inches.

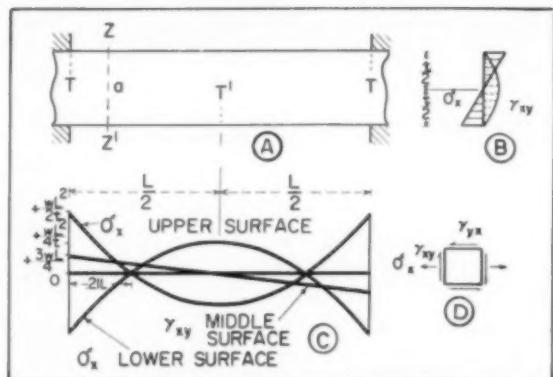
q, uniformly distributed beam load, lb/in (equals wbt for a gravity-loaded beam).

However, if an existing bolting system is inadequate, the formulas can be used to determine the present reinforcement factor and the most effective way to increase it. Use of the equations and their application is simplified if the physical properties of the rock are determined beforehand.

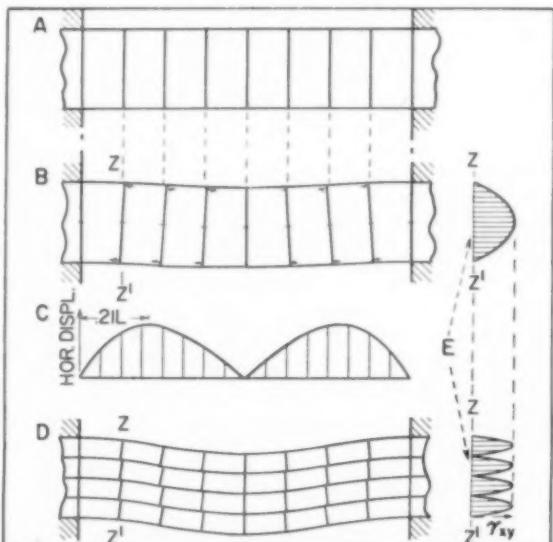
BEAM THEORY

As in any mine-support computations the use of the formulas, together with the chart presented in R. I. 5155, requires a basic practical knowledge of mine roof control. The basic principles of reinforcing a bedded mine roof with bolts are presented in R. I. 5156. It was necessary to develop the basic principles of rock-bolting patterns through the use of elementary beam theory and through tests designed to prove or disprove certain fundamental premises. Complete understanding of the results of the testing is not necessary if the data of the experimental work are accepted. How-

Roof-Beam Action



A—Gravity-loaded beam; B—Bending and shearing stresses, Sec. Z-Z'; C—Distribution of outer-fiber bending stress and middle-surface shearing stress across span; D—Stresses acting on element at a. Failure in flexure by tension cracks, T and T'.



FLEXURE OF GRAVITY-LOADED BEAMS

A—Plane cross sections before flexure; B—After flexure, showing directions of horizontal displacement; C—Horizontal displacement of points on upper and lower surfaces; D—Flexure of a series of gravity-loaded beams showing bedding-place slip; E—Distribution of shearing stress through Sec. Z-Z', single beam and series of beams.

ever, an understanding of elementary beam theory is required so that intelligent use can be made of the physical properties of the rock acting as the mine roof.

Formulas for computation of the bending stress, shearing stress and maximum deflection, together with detailed diagrams of flexure of gravity-loaded beams, are presented in R. I. 5156. Equations 1, 2 and 3, Determination of the physical properties of the rock will permit computation of the shearing and bending stress and deflection of the beam over a certain

span. Suitable rock-bolting patterns can then be determined by the combined use of the design formulas presented in R. I. 5155, and the employment of the essential principles involved in using vertical bolts.

Future research work in the use of rock bolts and their space patterns is expected to be continued by the bureau. The primary effort at present is being directed toward the testing of bedded roofs with unequal thickness of strata. Our underground testing is being shifted to mine areas where trouble has developed in anchoring

bolts. Newer types of bolts which provide greater applicable beaming surface are being tested and attempt is being made to develop and standardize failure warning devices.

WARNING DEVICES

While roof-bolting has played its part in the downward trend of roof-fall injury-frequency rates, its influence on the overall roof-fall-injury picture in 1955 was disappointing when one considers that the use of bolts in coal mines increased by one-third during the year. Notwithstanding all the attention that roof-bolting has received in recent years, the frequency rate of roof-fall injuries at bolted mines increased slightly. In fact, there were as many fatalities (five) from failures of bolted roof in 1955 as the total for 1948-54, inclusive, or since bolting has been widely accepted in the coal-mining industry.

The reason is that many mines are now bolting where the method is marginal in the sense that perfect anchorage cannot be obtained with the conventional bolt, yet the roof-fall accident rates in each of these mines show an improvement over that when conventional timbering was used. This means that our job is not complete if we are to obtain the maximum benefit from the method. We must improve the efficiency of such installations, and we must develop economically feasible warning devices. Some progress has been made in this direction but we are still far short of the point where such improvement and such devices are universally applicable with predictable results.

THE DANGER ZONE

Fourteen fatal accidents were reported in areas where roof-bolting was the accepted method of roof support, and all were within the 25-ft face zone where approximately three-fourths of all roof-fall injuries occur. In 9 of the 14 fatalities attributed to roof-bolted areas, the rock that fell was in the unsupported space between the last row of bolts and the face being mined.

To some extent, roof-bolting lessens the exposure from unsupported roof in this "danger zone," three ways:

1. Reducing the operations that must be performed under temporarily supported roof.

2. Reducing the average span between the permanent supports.

3. Stiffening the rock span between the last row of bolts and the face.

No responsible mining official, however, would suggest that safety props or jacks be eliminated in this area as long as there is a remote chance that

anyone will enter it to perform his work. However, many are killed by roof falls under such circumstances. Moreover, even "safety support" is often inadequate. In many instances, safety supports are installed in convenient spots rather than for maximum effectiveness.

Sometimes even the more-efficient and progressive mining companies which have adopted roof-bolting have accidents reflecting poor work habits that are hold-overs from conventional-timbering days. To illustrate, it is the practice in mobile-loading sections in one bituminous mine to set bolted cross pieces on 4-ft centers and not more than 3 ft from the face before cutting. The mining machine has a 9-ft cutter bar. Thus, the maximum unsupported span, after shooting and loading a cut, is 12 ft from the last row of bolts to the face.

The mobile loader had loaded out the cut, but during loading two small falls of roof occurred, which remained on the floor. The bolter and his helper entered the place with a hydraulically operated rotary drilling machine equipped with a lift for holding the crossbar in place while drilling. The bolter, leaving the machine and his helper under *supported* roof, entered the partly supported face area to test the roof. He pounded it with a pick and dislodged a rock slab that fell on him.

The place was supported according to a standardized plan, and all laws and company rules were being observed, yet the man was injured. Throughout the section even the bolted roof sounds drummy, but it is secure when properly bolted. The man was aware of this, yet he needlessly exposed himself in making roof tests in the belief that he was complying with the mine's rules and regulations.

REDUCED EXPOSURE VITAL

The company purchased this particular bolting machine so that operators need not expose themselves to unsupported roof while drilling, but officials did not follow up to see that full advantage was taken of the safety features of the machine. This accident suggests the following:

1. If further reductions are to be made in roof-fall injuries, the place to begin is in the "danger zone" within 25 ft of the face, where about 75% of the accidents of this type occur.

2. The way to attack the problem in the "danger zone" is to keep the permanent supports as close to the face as possible, and then eliminate exposure caused by unnecessary roof testing and other activities.

The statement that exposure of men

in the "danger zone" (the bridged area between the permanent support and the face) should be eliminated may seem impracticable, but it is being approached in several mines. It is well known that efficient mechanical loading is obtained by preparing the cut by good blasting practices or other dislodgment methods so that the loading machine can load with a minimum of digging. If the cut of coal is properly prepared, there is no need for the helper to go to the face during normal loading. The loading-machine operator and helper should work under permanent roof supports. Incidental rib coal is collected in loading the next cut.

Portable rotary and percussion roof-bolt machines are now being produced that have built-in safety features. These machines have booms or telescoping jacks to bear against the roof and serve as safety supports. With the use of these machines there is no reason for a bolting crew to work beneath unsupported roof. Certainly, there is no justification for a roof-bolting crew or even a foreman pounding on unsupported roof with a pick or bar, particularly when the roof is known to be bad. After a man tests the roof he has three choices: let it alone, take it down, or support it. When standardized support (either timbering or roof-bolting) is the rule and he must support it regardless of tests, his decision must be to take some roof down and then install supports, or support the roof "as is."

THE GOAL: NO EXPOSURE

Under normal conditions, the only excuse for anyone to go into the danger zone in a properly bolted or timbered mine is to test for gas. If some method of remotely testing for gas could be developed, this exposure hazard also could be eliminated.

When abnormal conditions occur which require work to be performed in the danger zone, safety posts or jacks should be liberally employed, and if a post or jack must be removed for maneuvering equipment, another post or jack should replace it. If workmen and foremen could be prevented from entering the danger zone under normal conditions and many of the safety posts and jacks now employed could be eliminated, then their use would be required only under abnormal conditions. The bureau recognizes, of course, that present rules and regulations require safety posts, but if the suggested objective could be obtained and exposure in this "no-man's land" eliminated, such rules and regulations could be revised accordingly, with benefit to the industry both in safety and efficiency.



FOUR COAL BEDS, totaling about 16 ft and spaced within 60-ft vertical interval, are mined at Tasa Coal's Peerless mine at Hookersville, W. Va.

Four-Seam Stripping



HILLTOPS like this one frequently are completely removed in recovering the coal. Tractor shovel rests on C coal, A and B coals are shown under ridge.

With multiple seams to recover in a definite sequence, the operation must run smoothly to avoid delays. Tasa relies on flexibility and close supervision to keep production rolling.

FOUR MINABLE BEDS of coal sandwiched between 63 ft of rock or less is not found very often at a mining property. But this unusual grouping of coal beds totaling 16 ft is found today at the Peerless mine of the Tasa Coal Co., Nicholas County, W. Va. Tasa is producing 1,800 tpd from a four-seam stripping operation that features flexibility and coordination.

Before the forces of nature wore away part of the coal deposits, there was a basin roughly 3 mi in radius where the beds were bunched close together. Of this area, about 90% has been carried away and only the small ridge tops remain. It is these peaks that are being leveled by Tasa to recover the four beds of coal.

The four beds are about 500 ft above the valley floor and dip 80 ft per mile to the northwest. Since the stripping ratio averages about 3 to 1, Tasa recovers nearly all of the coal. Maximum cover is as much as 170 ft, but only about 10% of the area is under this thick cover.

Geologically, the beds are believed to be the Kittanning coals. The top, or A, bed averages 72 in and has some small bands of impurities. A 20- to 45-in band of laminated coal separates the A and B seams. The B coal usually is only 18 to 20 in thick. Separating the B and C beds is a deposit of shale that ranges in thickness from 8 in to 15 ft. The thickness of the C coal varies from 42 to 54 in. A 6-in layer of shale separates the C and D coals. The D seam averages 40 to 48 in and has a thin parting that varies from 0 to 6 in.

Overburden is predominantly medium-hard sandstone, interlayered with shales. The main bed of sandstone is 30 ft thick and lies on top of 18 to 25 ft of shale covering the A coal.

DRILLING AND BLASTING

Drilling and blasting is a two-step job at Peerless mine. To prepare for the first step, an Allis Chalmers HD 21 bulldozer makes 300 ft of road at the back of the cut to be taken. Working at blade width, the bulldozer carves



BIG DRILL (left) bores holes in thick rock over four seams. Wagon unit (right) drills thin rock between coals.



STRIPPING SHOVEL handles main overburden covering all seams as well as thinner layers of rock between.

out an access road for the truck-mounted Davey vertical rotary drill.

After the road is completed, the two-man crew moves the drill into position on the road. The unit is mounted on a 4-wheel-drive GMC chassis. Drill stems are 15 ft long and 6 1/4-in holes are bored with J & D or North Dakota rotary bits. Holes are drilled on 15-ft centers along the roadway and to depths that will yield a 50-ft bench when the blasted material is pushed over the hillside. The slope of the mountain governs the depth of the blastholes.

While the drill operator makes a setup over a new hole, the helper usually loads the previously drilled hole. Each hole is charged with 12 1/2 to 25 lb of du Pont or American Cyanamid 40% dynamite. All holes are detonated simultaneously with instantaneous blasting caps.

After the broken material is pushed over the hill and the 50-ft bench leveled, the drill crew sinks three rows of blastholes along the bench. Holes are spaced 12 ft apart in rows on 15-ft centers. The first row of holes is located 5 ft from the edge of the high-wall and serves as a base for locating the other two rows. Holes are drilled to within 1 or 2 ft of the top of the coal.

An average of 1 lb of explosive is needed to break each 2 1/2 cu yd of overburden in the lower bench. Holes are connected with Primacord and du Pont 17-MS delay connectors are used between each row of blastholes. In some instances, MS delays also are used between holes within the rows.

UNCOVERING THE COAL

Removal of the main cover over the upper, or A, seam is done by a 5 1/2-cu yd Lima 2400 that works around the clock, 6 days per week.



LOADING SCENE includes shovel loading B coal while tractor shovel and men clean pit. Stripping shovel in background is removing rock between seams.

Driven by a Caterpillar 397 diesel motor, the unit moves an average of 100,000 to 110,000 cu yd per month. In addition to handling the main overburden covering all of the seams, the shovel also removes a large portion of the partings between the beds of coal. Some of the rock between the coal seams can be removed without drilling and blasting. But the thicker and tougher material must be broken with explosives.

LOADING AND HAULING

Coal loading is a three-step process at Tasa's Peerless mine and requires close coordination between the 2 1/2-cu yd P&H 1055 coal shovel and the Lima 2400.

Before loading starts, the top of the coal is thoroughly cleaned. Coarse material is removed either by a bulldozer, motor grader or tractor shovel and final cleaning is done by men with shovels.

The P&H unit first removes about 300 ft of A coal, exposing the carbonaceous shale over the B seam. This material is friable and can be dug without blasting. The job of removing it is assigned to the Lima 2400. Working the second and third shifts when coal is not loaded, the 5 1/2-cu yd strip shovel removes the shale in one or two shifts per week, exposing the B seam. While the coal shovel is loading B coal on the day shift, the Lima unit normally uncovers more A coal or removes rock between the B and C coals.

The interval of rock between the B and C coals averages 7 ft in thickness and is hard; therefore, it must be broken with explosives. Blastholes are drilled on 9-ft centers with an Ingersoll-Rand wagon-mounted unit receiving air from a Gardner-Denver compressor. Both compressor and drill wagon are towed in and out of the pit by a Michigan 175A tractor shovel. An average of 4 lb of 2-in du Pont



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PEERLESS SUPERVISORS include John Fennel (left), superintendent; Harry Rippetoe, chemist; and W. J. Hypes, office manager.



or American Cyanamid explosives is needed in each blasthole to break the rock sufficiently for easy removal.

The C and D coals usually average a total of 9 ft and sometimes are separated by a 5-in parting. When present, this impurity is loosened by the P&H shovel after the C coal is removed and then is pushed to the spoil area by the bulldozer. The D coal then is loaded. After the D coal is removed, the coal-loading cycle is started again on the A coal.

A fleet of 19 trucks carries the coal 5 mi over company roads to the preparation plant. Included in the haulage units are ten 17-ton Macks, four 14-ton Federals and assorted hired trucks. The road is level for about 4 mi, winds up the hill for 1 mi to the coal level and then follows the outcrop to the pit. Trucks travel on top of the coal after they enter the pit.

Coal is hauled either to one of three stockpiles or to two storage bins capable of holding 100 and 200 tons

each. This combination of storage facilities provides a source of coal for the cleaning plant in case bad weather slows trucks over the 5-mi haul. The large area available for stockpiling also permits coal from any of the beds to be stored separately if desired and blended in the bins before it is fed to the cleaning plant.

CLEANING THE COAL

Coal can be fed from either or both storage bins to a single-roll crusher and reduced to 5x0 before passing to the cleaning plant. A 30-in belt receives the crushed product and elevates it to the top of the plant where it is discharged onto an Allis Chalmers Ripl Flow vibrator and separated into 5x2, 2x3 and 3x0 fractions. The 3x0 drops onto a mixing conveyor and is carried to the loading points over railroad cars. The two larger sizes are carried to a shaking feeder and discharged into a split-box calcium chloride Belknap washer

equipped with an automatic density control.

Clean coal flows to a Hewitt Robins vibrator and is separated into 5x2, 2x1 and 1x3/8 sizes which drop onto the mixing conveyor. The 5x2 and 2x1 fractions are carried on the top strand and the 1x3/8 on the lower section of the conveyor. Either or both of the large sizes may be crushed to 1 1/4x0 before passing to railroad cars, or they may be loaded separately.

Operation of the 150-tph plant is handled by a crew of five men and a foreman. The present cleaning facilities were added to the plant in 1955. Plant design was handled by Fuel Process and construction was by Kanawha Mfg. Co.

QUALITY CONTROL

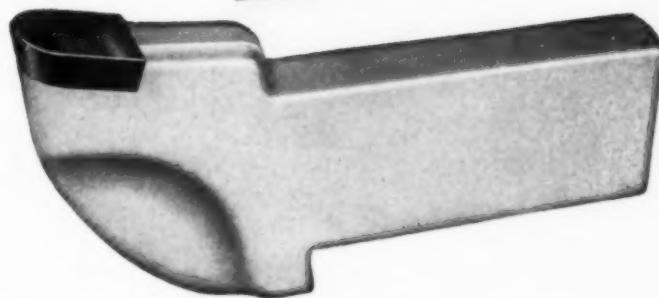
Quality control rates top consideration at Peerless mine. A fully equipped laboratory located near the cleaning plant permits coal analyses to be made as quickly as possible.

Samples are taken from each railroad car and analyzed for ash and moisture content. A coke button also is made. For every shipment a composite analysis, including Btu, also is made.

Top executives of Tasa Coal Co. are: H. B. Salkeld, chairman of the board; P. H. Vestal, president; H. J. Collins, vice president, sales; R. E. Dougherty, vice president, operations; G. G. Garland, secretary and general counsel; L. D. Major, treasurer and comptroller; V. G. Holman, chief engineer.

Merle Busby is general superintendent of Tasa's West Virginia mines and John Fennel is superintendent of Peerless mine. Other mine officials include C. G. Griffith, pit foreman; Darius Cook, tipple foreman; Harry Rippetoe, chemist; and W. J. Hypes, office manager.

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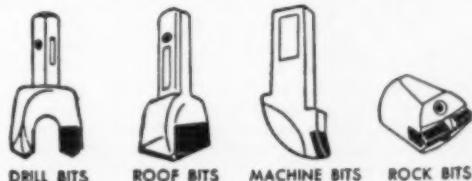
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The Lesson in *Moby Dick*

An allegorical exercise on the importance of details

YOUR LOCAL THEATRE may soon be showing the new movie *Moby Dick*, a Warner Bros. release, which has received the acclaim of the critics. Sticking close to Herman Melville's great novel of the same name, the film tells of Captain Ahab's consuming hate for an albino whale which had inflicted degrading injuries upon him during a previous whaling voyage. Now Ahab leaves New Bedford to pursue the whale all over the seas until they finally meet in fatal combat.

The old-time whaler was a special breed of man. He could row up close to a 60-ton monster and fling a harpoon in its side, knowing full well that explosive events would occur the instant the harpoon struck. He was courageous to a fault. But success in whaling, measured in the number of barrels of whale oil laid down on the New Bedford wharves, depended upon more than courage. The

expert whaler also was noted for his attention to detail.

A call from the lookout, "There She Blows! She Blows!", raises a flurry and a shout on the decks below, as the crew turns from routine ship's duties to preparations for the chase. The shouting dies down, and as the ship bears down on the spouting whale, the boat crews are busily preparing to launch the whale boats. The 6-man crew forms alongside each whale-boat as it swings in its davits. Then at the captain's command the crews board the boats to be lowered over the side. The chase is on.

The long, narrow boat, pointed at bow and stern, contains thwarts for five oarsmen, the man at the bow oar being the harpooner. The sixth man, the boat commander, handles the rudder at the stern. The oarsmen never turn their heads to

look at the whale on the tenable theory that the sight of the awesome mammal might panic the viewer or at least scramble his stroke. The boat commander at the stern is the only one to see the whale until the boat pulls up to within a yard or two of that special point in the mountain of flesh where the harpoon is to be placed, in back of the eye.

Now the boat commander orders the harpooner to rise and do his work. The harpooner turns and there is the towering whale, lying quietly, perhaps unable to perceive that the flimsy wooden crate alongside has the temerity to assault him. However, the harpooner does have the nerve, he does throw the harpoon and this particular portion of the sea begins to boil. Here is where attention to detail begins to count.

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whale takes off, trying to throw the barb out of his body. The line attached to the harpoon has been carefully coiled in wooden tubs placed in the boat among the oarsmen. As the beast moves away, the line whips out of the tubs and sings out of the boat through a ring at the bow just inches from the arms and bodies of the oarsmen. As soon as possible, the line is snubbed around a loggerhead at the stern and now the "Nantucket sleighride" begins. The boat flies up and down the swells propelled by 50 tons or more of enraged muscle, blubber and guts. If the line had not been properly laid in the tubs, there is every chance that a flying loop might have snatched up an oarsman and whirled him to his death, or it might have snagged on the boat and parted the line. Thousands of dollars worth of whale oil thus would be lost, and these men are here for the oil.

Sooner or later the whale must pause for a breather. The boat is drawn up close again and now the boat commander and the harpooner change places, the harpooner taking over the rudder and the commander taking his place in the bow for the next detailed operation.

The commander picks up a lance and confidently thrusts it into the body of the whale to penetrate the creature's "lung." If the lance is properly placed—and it had better be—the tired, blowing whale drowns in his own blood.

But, there must be a less gory example of the importance of detail.

Consider our highways. As you see a ribbon of concrete stretching from the front wheels of your automobile toward the horizon, you may be moved to say, "A highway engineer's job must be nice. When his work is done he has this monument to show for his effort." However, there is more to his job than meets the eye. Here are some of the details he had to resolve.

In the first place, the route must be laid out with due consideration of (1) utility, (2) accessibility, (3) gradient, (4) drainage and (5) weather conditions. Each of these factors must have exhaustive study, and all this is preliminary to the real job.

With the route firmly established—only after endless discussion with proponents of alternate routes—the problem of securing easements and a legally clear right-of-way confronts the highway builder. This can be a painfully long and involved process in which attention to detail is of overriding importance. Any misplaced word or phrase can return to haunt the planners.

Now, construction contracts must be solicited and awarded. In this phase, detailed specifications must be set down to guide the contractors in their bidding.

Construction begins. The volume of material produced in cuts should be nearly equal to the volume required in fills. If enough material is not produced in this manner, the builder must locate a borrow pit offering suitable material within reasonable haulage distance. And if cut exceeds fill, he must find spoil room.

THE FARMER who bought the mule went back to the dealer and said, "You lied to me. I warmed the oats for that mule. I massaged him with a curry comb. I bedded him down at night. Yet he won't do a lick of work."

"Let me go out and have a look at him," said the dealer.

They went to the farm. The mule was standing there hitched to a plow. He wouldn't budge. The dealer picked up a two-by-four and broke it over the mule's head.

"Now try him," the dealer said.

"Giddap," the farmer said and the mule leaned into the harness and started off.

"I don't understand it," the farmer said. "I thought you said you had to treat him gently."

"You do," the dealer replied. "But first you have to get his attention."

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mining laws and the Federal code, you are legally accountable for the proper discharge of your responsibilities. This includes inspection of working places, maintenance of good ventilation, protecting the permissibility of electrical equipment, and so on. All are details, but mighty important ones.

Safety—Aside from major responsibilities for safety, the mine supervisor is called upon to concern himself with the details of proper protective clothing, good tools and even smokers' articles.

Personnel—The details of matching the skills of your crew to the jobs to be done can keep you busy. It's just too hot this afternoon to go any deeper into other aspects of human relations which also are your direct concern, but they are not few.

Production—A host of details surrounds this phase of your work. You must plan to get the most productive operating time with least non-productive tramping time out of each of your machines. The capacity and availability of transportation, where and when you want it, is a matter for constant, detailed study. Roof control, explosives economy, bit costs, rock-dusting, power distribution, size-consist, gas testing, line curtains, car spotters, fuses, pipe connectors, cap screws and a thousand-and-one other details must be attended in the supervisor's responsibility for production.

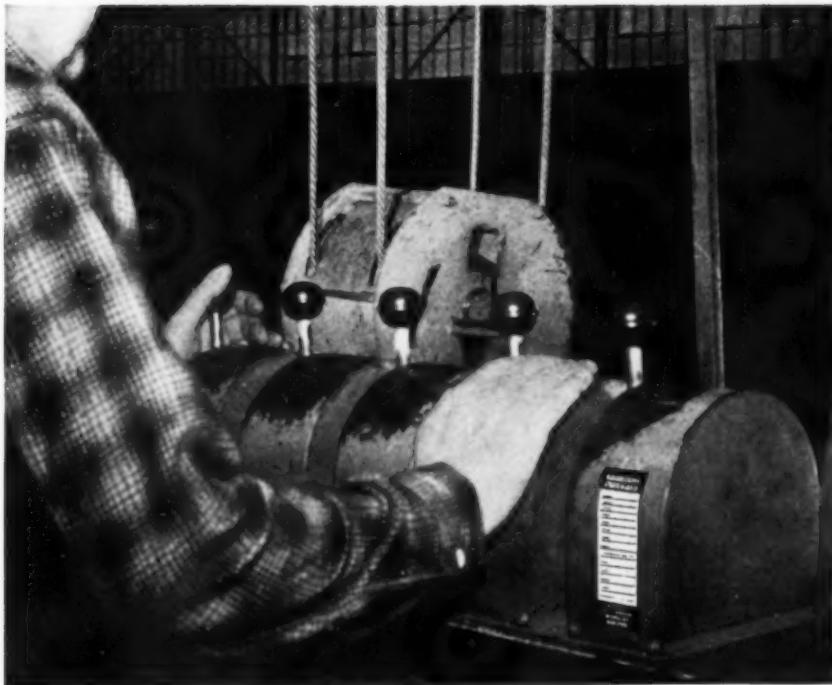
Communications—Numerous reports must be filed, maps brought up to date and messages transmitted, all requiring attention to detail for the sake of accuracy. Even a so-called minor phase of your total job encompasses a number of details.

Personal—After all these other duties have been properly discharged, there remains your responsibility to progress in your work. Off-the-job study, selective reading and mature reflection should be scheduled and that calls for some detail.

There is the hazard that one of these phases may begin to take precedence over all others. For example, accent on production for the sake of tonnage alone, however laudable this may be, can lead to dire consequences, economic and otherwise. Pushing too hard for tonnage at the neglect of maintenance can rebound in increased downtime, higher costs and lower tonnage, just the opposite of what was hoped for. Or, safety may suffer when production becomes an obsession, with one of the men or the foreman himself becoming the victim of this policy.

Possessed by his hate, Captain Ahab had only one thought in mind; that was, killing his enemy, the whale. He reached the big moment when he finally came to grips with Moby Dick. But his obsession with only one phase of his total responsibilities caused him to forget the details of his own safety. The white whale destroyed him. That is the lesson of Moby Dick.

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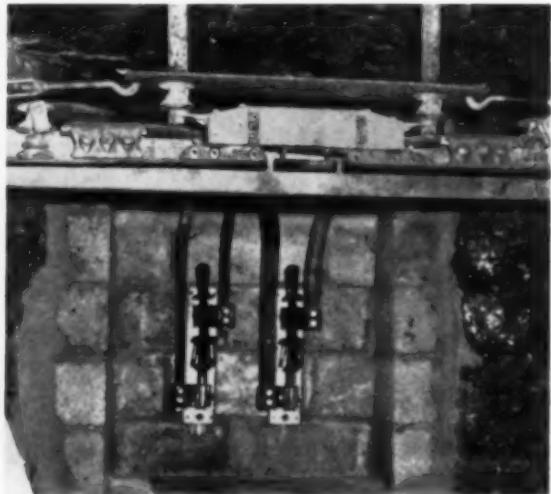
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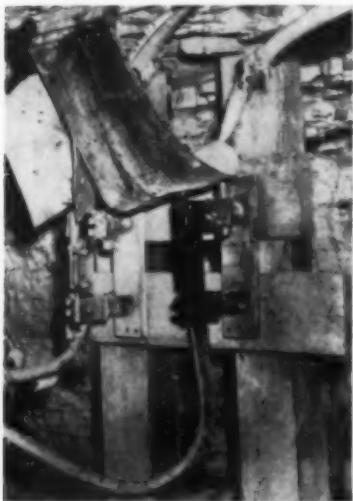
OPERATING IDEAS



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Tips on Better Switch Installations

IT PAYS to take some pains in mounting or installing electrical switches. Why? Because they will last longer and give trouble-free operation if rock and coal dusts are kept out of switch blades and contact jaws. And good installations offer

an extra measure of safety for the man who operates the switch.

Here are five examples of good installations that appeared in *Haulage Ways* recently. Some are more elaborate than others and require extra time, labor and

materials. Others are simple, inexpensive and require only a few extra minutes. Check through the group to see if your mine can benefit from the same types of installations. Longer life and increased safety are among the benefits you get.

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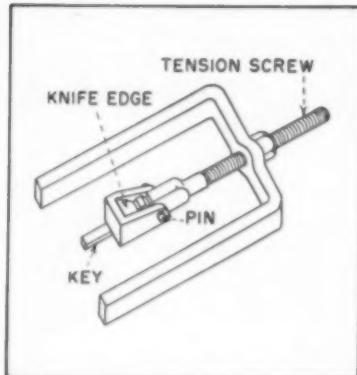
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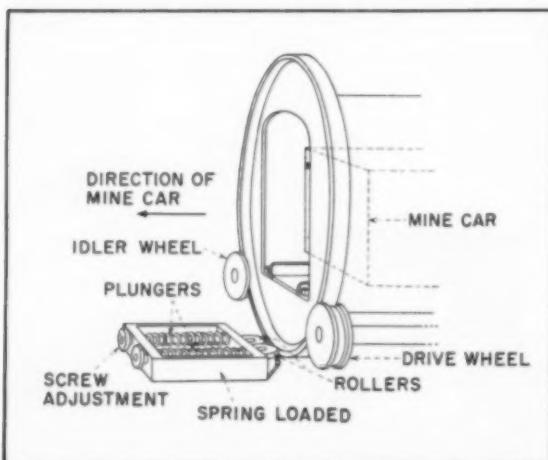


REMOVING TIGHT KEYS which lock pulleys to shafts is no problem at the Markham Colliery, according to recent issue of *Iron and Coal Trades Review*. Designed by F. Newbold, washer operator, the device is proving useful not only at the cleaning plant but also at other installations where there is no shop. The tool consists of a U-shaped steel forging; a tension screw which passes through a hole bored in the bar; a smaller U-shaped forging with a knife edge to grip the key. The knife edge is attached to the forged steel head of the tension screw by a high-tensile steel pin. Force is applied to the

key, through the bolt, by turning a nut which is placed on the tension screw on the far side of the main U arm.

To operate the device, the jaws of the U-shaped arm are placed in position up to the hub of the pulley and the forged head of the tension screw is placed under the key. The knife edge, which fits over the key head, is then placed in position and firmly attached to the head of the tension screw by the steel pin. If the key is flat, a cut must be made to take the knife edge. The adjusting nut is turned with a spanner to exert a steady pull until the key is free.

Absorber Saves Rotary Dump

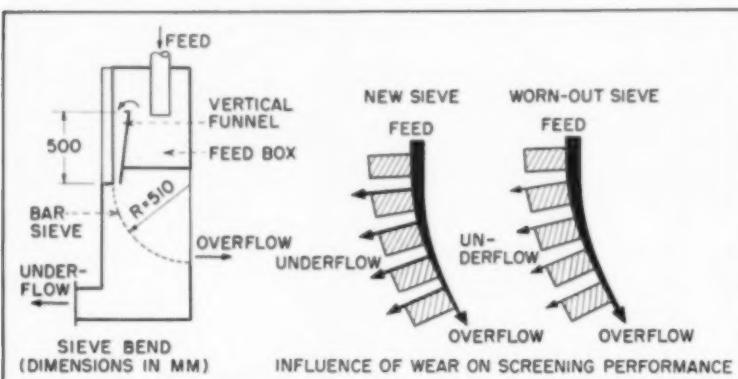


WEAR AND TEAR on drive and idler wheels on a rotary dump have been eliminated by installing a shock-absorbing device, according to an article in a recent issue of *Colliery Guardian*. The device is designed to take up the shocks given to the drive and idler wheels by mine cars entering too rapidly. After 18 mo of operation with the shock absorber, no appreciable wear or deterioration of drive and idler wheels on the dump was noted. Before the units were installed, wheels had to be replaced after 1 mo of service.

Essential parts of the shock absorber are a roller head that fits against the dump ring, adjustable spring-loaded plungers and a steel housing. Units are mounted at each end of the dump. The one at the end taking the main thrust of the cars has two roller heads and two plungers, whereas the absorber taking the recoil has only one roller and plunger.

Springs are made of 13/16-in material and have 4-in O. D. and 2 1/2-in I. D. Pitch is 1 1/4 in and the free length of the spring is 16 in. They are fitted over 2-in-diameter plungers attached to the head bracket which carries the 7-in-diameter rollers.

The head bracket can be moved 1/8 in on the springs by turning the adjusting screws. Thus proper clearance can be maintained between the drive and idler wheels and the large-diameter dump ring. With this clearance maintained, the shock is transmitted to the absorber device rather than to the drive and idler wheels.



Curved Screen Deck Boosts Efficiency

SEPARATING wet fines to a definite particle size, screen capacity independent of the concentration and particle size of the suspension, and capacity 20 times greater than a vibrating screen are benefits claimed for a curved screen deck developed in the Netherlands. Dr. D. W. van Krevelon, director of research, Central Laboratory, Staatsmijnen, Geleen, said that with the device, wet coal fines can be separated to a definite particle size, which previously could be done only after the

product had been dried beforehand.

A suspension of the material to be sized is passed along a curved screen deck made up of steel bars about 2 mm wide and spaced about 1 mm apart. As material flows over the screen, each bar scrapes off a thin layer of water about 1/4 mm thick, which may entrain coal particles up to 1/2 mm in diameter. The bar sieve is curved to ensure that an uninterrupted layer of the suspension will remain in contact with the screening deck.

Since the 1-mm slots make a cut at 1/2 mm, the slots cannot block up. This makes the capacity of the sieve device independent of the concentration and particle size of the suspension. The volume to be treated in a given time is the only consideration.

Another unusual feature of the sieve is that the separation is made to a smaller size as the bars are being worn away. This is because the thickness of the "peeled-off" water layer decreases. The performance of the worn-out sieve can be restored to its original state by simply reversing the screening deck. This is done every 10 days. Total life of the deck is about 4 mo, in which period about 300,000 tons of suspension have been handled over the screen.



Wire Rope at Work—This monster, which looks like a cross between a battleship and a dragon, can scoop up 22 yd of earth at a single pull of the bucket. Its insatiable appetite for rock and dirt is its greatest asset, especially in stripping large areas where the overburden is thick.

The huge excavator would get nowhere, of course, without the wire ropes that drag and hoist the bucket. On this job, Bethlehem Purple Strand was used for both applications—2½-in. 6x25 for the draglines, 1¾-in. 6x41 for the hoist lines. Whopping big cables, particularly the drag ropes; even in the roughest kind of going, they put "hustle" in the job. Ropes like these can move that bucket all day long and still be ready for more.

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EQUIPMENT NEWS



Unit Drills 700 TPD

A continuous mining unit that is capable of drilling out 700 tpd of coal from 50-in holes is being produced by the Cardox Corp., 307 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago 1, Ill. Named the Cardox Auger Miner Model 235, the unit operates with a three-man crew and is in use at strip mines where excessive overburden makes further conventional stripping unprofitable. The model, incidentally, is the largest in the Cardox line. The company says that the 235's "unusually rugged construction provides the power and stability needed to handle its 48-in augers and high rate tonnage." In addition, says Cardox, new features reduce idle time to a minimum and permit virtually continuous mining.

The 235 is self-positioning vertically and self-moving horizontally from hole to hole by means of three sliding shoes. It does not require rails, skids and separate power. In operation it spans the space of two holes. After the first hole has been drilled out for a distance up to 200 ft or more the 12 ft auger lengths are retrieved one at a time. The completed hole then serves as storage for the augers and lessens the overall time needed to retract and connect augers to be used to drill the next hole.

Despite the large size, says Cardox, the 235 works easily in a 26-ft pit or shelf. Overall length is 20 ft, 2 in. Width is 12 ft, 6 in, plus a 51-in overhang of monorail for the auger hoist. Height is 14-ft, 7½ in in high lift position. Mined coal is brought out ready for loading directly into trucks by portable elevator conveyors.

Holes may be drilled one above the other in thick seams and a hydraulic vertical directional control keeps the augers drilling into the best part of the seam away from shale or other impurities.

Power for drilling is provided by a 235 hp diesel delivering 650 ft lb of torque at 1,000 rpm—sufficient to handle readily the 48-in drills, according to Cardox. A separate 65 hp diesel is used with the hydraulic system for such functions as raising or lowering the unit within a range of 6 ft on elevator posts, operating

the auger hoist and retriever and moving the machine on its sliding shoes, either parallel with or at 90 deg to the high wall.

The entire unit, says Cardox, has been designed for easy maintenance with a minimum of disassembly.



Light To Medium Tractors Announced

A line of light and medium-duty utility tractors, the M-H-F "WORK BULLS," and allied equipment has been introduced by the new Industrial Div., Massey-Harris-Ferguson, Inc., Quality Ave., Racine, Wis. The line consists of five tractors and a number of attachments. The tractors are designed, according to the company, "to fill a gap between light and heavy equipment in three areas; as primary equipment on small work-and-run jobs; as back-up machines for medium and high-priced single-purpose equipment; and as versatile clean-up and utility tools."

The 20 hydraulically controlled attachments offered with the line are designed to provide a job-matched tool for a wide

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variety of tasks such as digging, loading, lifting, dozing, trenching, grading, materials handling and mowing.

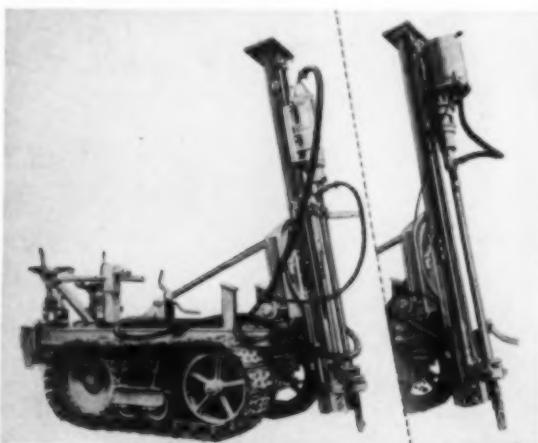
The biggest tractor in the new line is the Model 404 (illustrated). Delivering 52 hp with its 277-cu in, high-torque engine, the 404 handles the larger bucket attachments, loaders and hoes. With a 5-yd front-end loader (photo), it has a 3,500-lb breakout capacity, a lifting height of 10 ft, 6 in and a dumping height of 8 ft, 6 in. In addition to hydraulic control of both tractor and attachments, the 404 features a five-speed transmission, gear-driven differential, heavy-duty front axle and support, worn and sector steering (power steering optional), heavy-duty clutch, full-pressure lubrication and a 12-v electrical system. A diesel and power take-off are available as optional equipment.

The remaining models are the 202 (34 hp, speeds to 15 mph, bucket load 9 to 11 cu ft, forklift capacity 2,000 lb, 12-v electrical system); the 303 (42 hp speeds to 15 mph, 5% yd loader capacity, backhoe bucket sizes 12 to 36 in) the Davis Pit Bull (gasoline engine delivers 42 hp, designed to replace and outwork high-priced, single purpose machines); and the 202 Forklift (based on the 202 in reversed position with load over large drive wheels).

Attachments being offered with the line are the Davis 185 Backhoe, the 500 Loader, an angle dozer, a forklift attachment, utility boom, scarifier, Davis 102 loader and broom or sweeper.



operation, handling buckets of 3 to 4 cu yd capacities, depending on digging conditions. The machine's weight is 179,360 lb with a standard shovel, 197,015 as a crane with a 60-ft boom.



West German Drill

A rotary rock drill developed in West Germany by Maschinenfabrik Rudolf Hausherr & Soehne is being distributed in the United States in two versions—pneumatically-powered (DK-9) and electrically-powered (E-9). The distributor, B. J. Nykerk Corp., 42 Broadway, New York 4, N.Y., recommends the machine for drilling in coal. Relatively portable (drill and slide weigh a little over 900 lb), the unit uses jointed drill steel with tungsten-carbide bits and is capable of drilling bore holes up to 11.8 in in diameter. A report from West Germany indicates that the DK-9 sustained an average penetration rate of 22½ ft per hr in a 4-in borehole in tough limestone. The drill has been used either truck-mounted or on Hausherr's self-propelled pneumatically-driven caterpillar-type drilling carriage. It may be used independently for drilling low horizontal holes, or in conjunction with a drilling mast for vertical holes.

Convertible Excavator In Production

Koehring Co., Milwaukee, Wis., has launched production of its Model 1205 excavator, latest and largest being built by Koehring. The 1205 is listed in the 3 cu yd dipper capacity class and has, according to the company, an established lifting capacity of 95 tons at 75% rating. Standard shovel attachment combines a 30-ft boom with 22-ft dipper sticks. For the crane the basic 60-ft alloy steel boom can be extended to a maximum 180-ft—plus an additional 30-ft of jib boom. The 1205 is fully convertible from shovel to lift crane and dragline or clamshell



Installs, Removes Track Pins, Bushings

Lempco Products, Inc., Bedford, Ohio, has introduced a track pin and bushing press for removal and installation of crawler track pins and bushings. Designated the 565 Powermatic, the press (with special tools and adapters) will service tracks from the smallest to largest models of Allis-Chalmers, Caterpillar, Euclid, International and Oliver tractors. Centralized controls permit an operator to do the complete job of pressing bushings and pins both in and out. Equipped with an automatic pressure-controlled ram head and a recessed ram nose, the 150-ton hydraulic unit has two ram speeds—180 in per minute up to 30 tons pressure and 30 in per minute over 30 tons. For shop use a stationary model is electrically powered—for field use a wheel-mounted model with trailer hitch is powered by a gasoline engine.



Medium Scraper Introduced

Allis-Chalmers, Tractor Group, Milwaukee, Wis., has introduced the TS-260 motor scraper, a 200-hp, medium size unit

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weighing 39,600 lb. Powered by a six-cylinder diesel, the scraper has a 14 cu yd heaped capacity, an 11 cu yd struck capacity and will haul an 18-ton payload. Other features: a hydraulic pump, gear-driven from the rear of the engine crankshaft, to provide drive and power for steering and scraper operation; a curved bottom and three-piece cutting edge with an offset center edge; and a high apron lift. When empty 66% of the scraper's weight is carried on its tractor wheels; when loaded an equal amount is supported by each tire. Allis-Chalmers also points out these engineering features: the diesel can be removed without removing the transmission; the clutch can be removed without removing the engine.

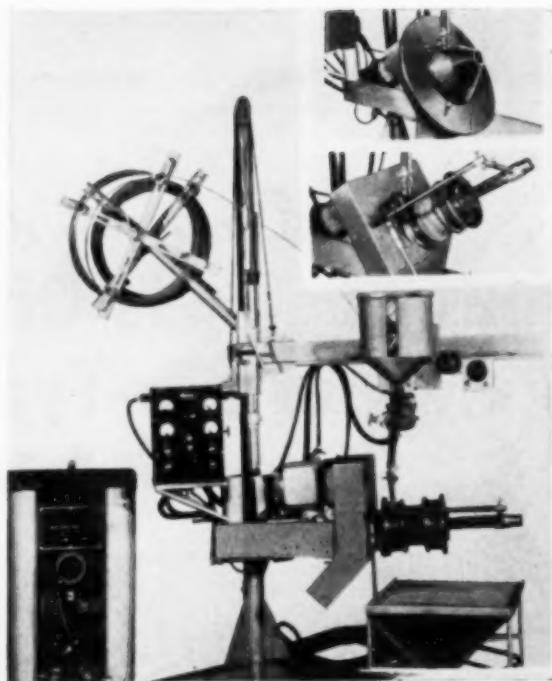


Pint-Sized Rail Car Shunter

A single-wheel railroad car shunter equipped with a one-cylinder, 6-hp engine that will move cars with a total weight to 100 tons is being distributed in the United States by the Railroad Car Shunter Corp. of America, Woolworth Bldg., New York 7, N.Y. Manufactured by ILO-WERKE G.M.B.H., Munich, West Germany, the pint-sized shunter can be operated by one man. It weighs 550 lb and its air-cooled, two-stroke motor delivers 6-hp at 3,000 rpm. The manufacturer says the shunter will traverse rough ground, climb and cross rails, switches and sleepers under its own power. It can be set on a rail between railroad cars and its operator can guide it from the side of a car or from behind.

Unit Permits Automatic Welding

A "packaged" welding unit engineered for automatic welding on circular shapes such as rolls, idlers, sheaves, crusher rolls, but also designed for longitudinal weldments has been developed by the Sight Feed Generator Co., West Alexandria, Ohio. Named the Rexare RP-43 automatic roll and idler welder and positioner, the unit is designed to operate on higher than normal welding voltage to attain higher torque and faster speed response. Wider changes of rod feed rate permit a variety of rod sizes and compositions without changing gearing. The rod feed motor, designed for 110 v, is barely affected by arc voltage variation, according to the company. Work pieces are simultaneously rotated with the arc's stopping and starting. A speed range of



.13 to 1.33 rpm permits building up the smallest roll to the largest weldment at the correct welding speed. In addition, a 120 deg tilting table permits, for instance, building flanges on rollers.



Car Designed To Clear Rail Jacks

The Nolan Co., Bowerston, Ohio, has announced a basic change in a tool and supply car it began marketing several months ago. To facilitate unhampered movement of the vehicle on the job the company has redesigned the car's wheels to clear track jacks when necessary. Other features that have been retained are the car's 2,000-lb capacity, its tubular steel construction and its center-breaking design that permits it to be handled in sections.

Breaker Gives Dual Protection

A dual-rated circuit breaker designed to protect equipment operating on either of two different voltages—e. g. 6 and 12 v DC or 110 and 220 v AC—is being produced by the Heinemann Electric Co., Trenton, N.J. The breaker has two ratings (2 and 4 amp or 5 and 10 amp, etc.) with separate load connections



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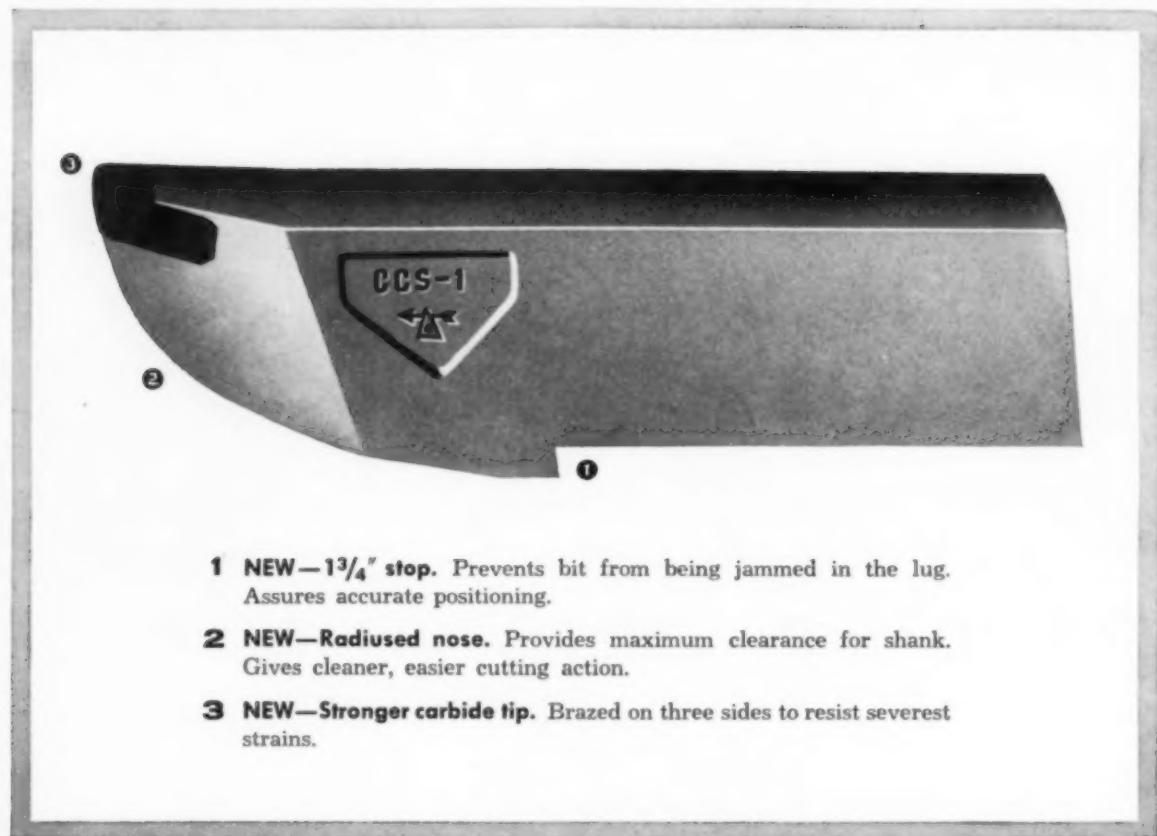
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New Carboloy CCS-1 Medium-Duty Bit gets more tonnage at lower bit cost

The new Carboloy® CCS-1 has all the economy advantages of the rugged Carboloy CC-1 . . . plus a few more of its own.

The CCS-1 Medium-Duty Bit has a 1 3/4" stop to prevent jamming in the lugs. It uses a new radiused nose design for smoother, freer cutting action. And, it has a carbide tip that can take any cut in stride.

Cutting machines tooled with the CCS-1 produce more tonnage per shift — because it cuts easier, stays sharp longer. Machines draw less power — because CCS-1 uses the same narrow cutting edge and top rake angle that

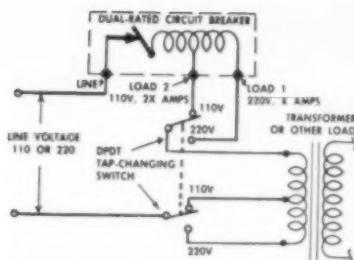
made the CC-1 so economical to operate.

The CCS-1 is designed to give regrind after regrind, under all types of conditions. It can be used in all machines using 1/2" x 1" bits.

This bit, like all the tools in the complete Carboloy line, is locally stocked for immediate delivery. For prices, specifications, or expert assistance on carbide tool problems, call your Authorized Carboloy Mining Tool Distributor. You'll find his name listed on the opposite page. Or write: Metallurgical Products Department of General Electric Company, 11120 E. 8 Mile Street, Detroit 32, Michigan.

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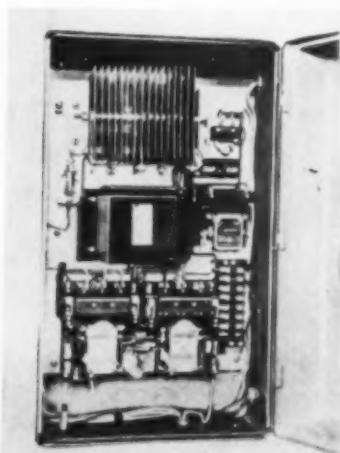


for each rating. Although most of the ratings being made thus far have current ratios of 2 to 1, the company says it can manufacture breakers with current ratios of up to 4 to 1. Minimum and maximum ratings are 1 amp and 40 amp. Because of its hydraulic-magnetic operation, the circuit breaker's ratings are unaffected by ambient temperature. Dual-rated circuit breakers are available with one of three inverse time-delay characteristics or in an instantaneous-trip form. Maximum voltage is 480 AC; 125 DC.



Hand-Tool Assembly

A trimmer chain manufactured with a coupling pin design that permits the chain to be assembled or disassembled with small hand tools is being produced by the Bowdil Co., Canton, Ohio. Designed for all makes of boring type continuous miners, the chain's pitch may be varied by changing couplers. Bowdil throwaway or $\frac{1}{2}$ -x 1-in shank bits are used with the chain.



Electric Motor Controller

An electric controller, or brake, for AC motors is being manufactured by the Westinghouse Electric Corp., 3 Gateway

Center, Pittsburgh 30, Pa. Named "Dynac," the unit reportedly stops AC motors in seconds. Westinghouse points out that machinery damage can be avoided in the event of jam-ups. Self-contained, "Dynac" requires no special motors, shaft extensions, mechanical braking devices or special windings. Other features: virtual elimination of current loss; precise motor overload protection.



Indicator Light Test

A "push-to-test" oil-tight indicating light available from Westinghouse Electric Corp., Standard Control Div., Beaver, Pa., permits a check to determine whether an unlit indicator lamp is an indication of trouble or merely the result of lamp failure. By pressing the lens of the new indicator light, an operator transfers the lamp from its normal circuit to a separate built-in lamp test circuit. If the lamp is functioning it will light normally to indicate that trouble-shooting is in order. If it fails to light, the lamp should be replaced.



Tube Rod Electrodes

A line of "tube rod" electrodes developed for semi-automatic hardfacing has been announced by the American Manganese Steel Div., American Brake Shoe Co., Chicago Heights, Ill. The electrodes are 3/32-in diameter, drawn tubular wire and, the company says, will yield high metal deposition and longer wear life. Although the rods have been designed for use with the AMSCO MF semi-automatic welder, they can be adapted for use with most semi-automatic machines. Their tubular construction permits them to be driven by feed rollers found in semi-automatic welders.

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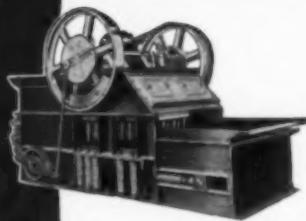
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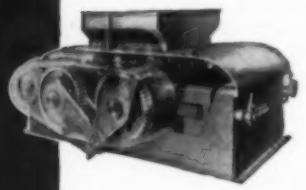
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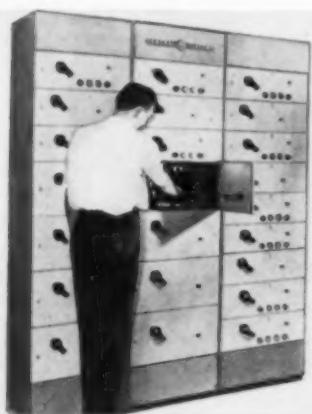
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Motor Control Center

General Electric Co., Distribution Assemblies Dept., 41 Woodford Ave., Plainville, Conn., is marketing the general-purpose motor control center, Type DA7093, which, the company says, is designed for economical, centralized control of AC motors, 1 to 200 hp, 110 to 600 v, 3 phase. The company points out these features: since all control operations are grouped in one location, installation and servicing are simplified; standardized "drawer-like" replacement control units are available and a spare can be inserted quickly. GE also points out that the center is equipped with door-locking devices, split-type terminal blocks, pull-box space, center busing, continuous ground of the unit's frame, large wiring gutters and silver-plated copper stab connections.



through hard granite, according to the manufacturer, Atlas Copco Eastern, Inc., San Carlos, Calif. Named the Cobra Motor Drill and Breaker, the unit weighs 53 lb. A floatless carburetor permits drilling in all positions from straight down to 45 deg upward and to 13 ft.

Valve Change Speeds Drill

A faster, stronger rotation resulting in increased drilling speeds and hole footage has been achieved in the Le Roi-Cleveland H-10 sinker drill, according to the manufacturer, Le Roi Div., Westinghouse Air Brake Co., Milwaukee 1, Wis. The use of a valve of the type used in the company's H10 AL air leg drill is responsible for the change. By increasing the metering limits of the valve and the valve block, fast drilling speeds are possible since valve travel is extremely short. The new valve and valve block are interchangeable with those previously used in the H-10 sinker drill.



100-W Mobile Radio

A mobile two-way radio rated at 100 w transmitter power output on any channel in the 25-54 megacycle frequency band has been announced by Motorola, Inc., Communications & Electronics Div., 4501 W. August Blvd., Chicago 51, Ill. The radio incorporates a new dynamotor-vibrator power supply which, at a power intake equivalent to conventional 60-w mobile radios, provides full-rated transmitter output. The transmitter is capable of 4-channel operation with each frequency crystal-controlled.

Lightweight Rock Drill

A lightweight rock drill powered by a gasoline engine drills up to 26 ft per hr



Ripper Speeds Bucket Work

Designed especially for speeding up bucket loader operations, a ripper being manufactured by the Hensley Equipment Co., Inc., 800 Peralta Ave., San Leandro, Calif., clamps directly to the lower lip of any standard bucket loader. The unit consists of two ripper teeth rigidly mounted 12 in apart by three 1 1/4-in steel spacer bolts. The teeth are equipped with re-

Those Who Use Them...Choose Them Again

BUCYRUS ERIE ROTARY BLAST HOLE DRILLS

In December, 1952, the Maumee Collieries Co., Terre Haute, Indiana, put the first Bucyrus-Erie 50-R into operation. So outstanding were the footage records of this drill that the company has since added three more.

BUCYRUS-ERIE rotaries are available in two sizes — the 40-R (equipped with either diesel-electric or full electric power) for drilling 6½- to 9-in. holes, and the 50-R (electric only) for drilling 9½- to 12½-in. holes. For the complete story on these drills, write today to —

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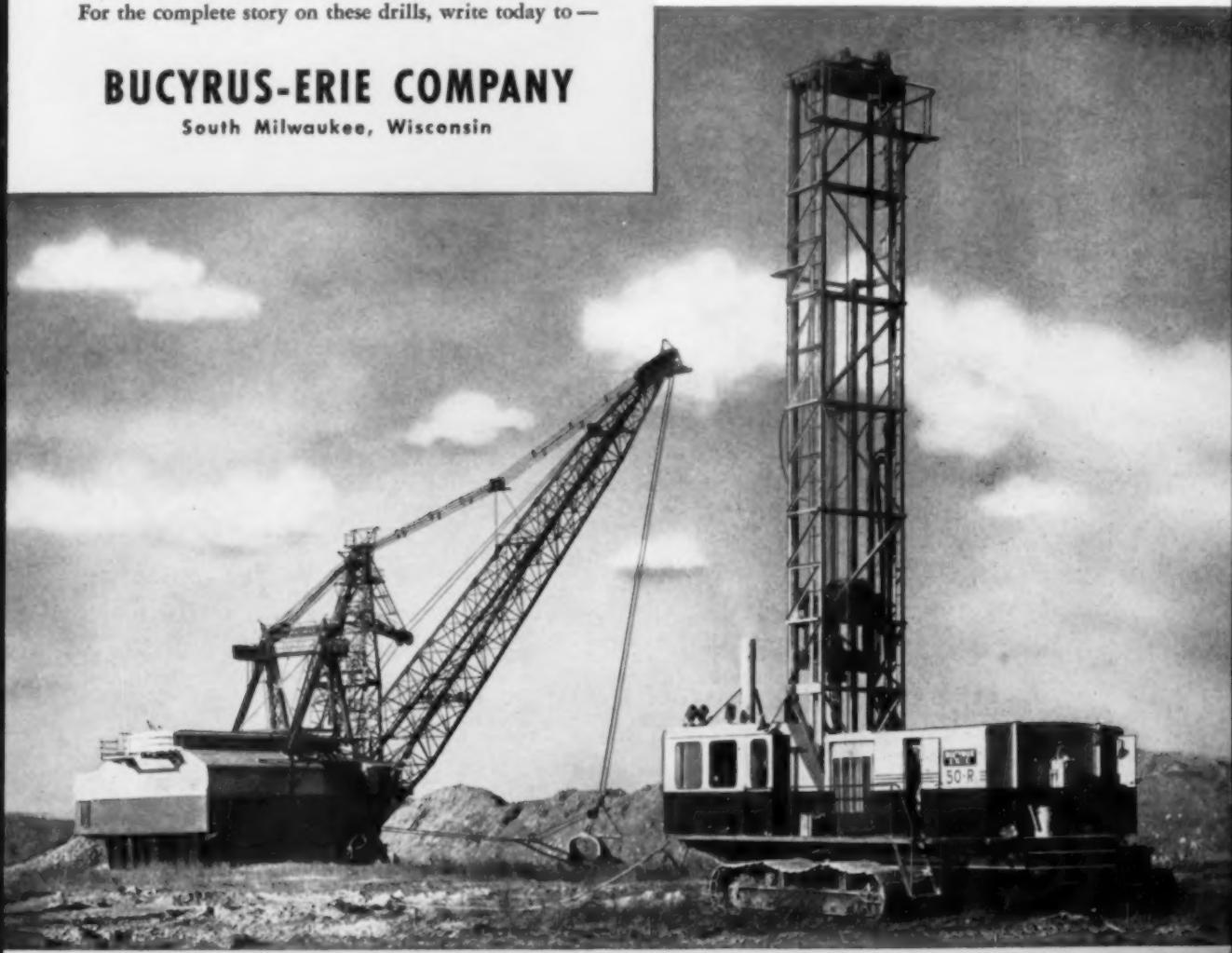
Hydraulically-powered down pressure on the bit provides maximum controlled penetration.

Ward Leonard electric control on rotation of the drill stem permits drilling at the most efficient speed for a given formation.

Hole can be drilled continuously for the full length of a drill pipe. (32 ft. 9 in. for the 50-R; 27 ft. 9 in. for the 40-R)

A remote-controlled, power-driven drill pipe rack adds or removes drill pipe without manual effort. Rack also stores pipe not in use.

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The strongest rack bar makes the toughest jack



Long a favorite with coal miners is the 516 MT. It can raise 5 tons up to $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches, is only 16 inches high when closed, has the famous oblong rack bar for greater strength and dependability.

A ratchet jack like the Duff-Norton all-purpose 516 MT is no stronger than its rack bar, the notched steel "heart" that moves up and down holding the load. The forged steel rack bar on this 5-ton capacity coal mining jack is stronger and tougher than the rack bar on any other ratchet jack of this type. It's *stronger* because it's *larger*!

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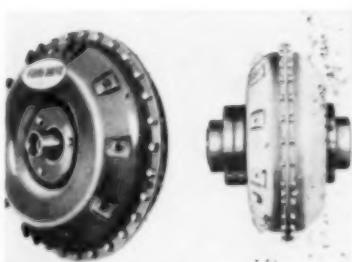
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placeable, self-sharpening wearpoints and are angled down to provide an 8-in penetration when the bottom of the bucket is parallel with the ground.



Tight-Quarters Operation

A 3/4-ton lever hoist using 1/3 arc movement for operation has been designed by the Therm Machine Co., Winona, Minn., for angular, horizontal and vertical lifting. The manufacturer recommends it for large or small shops. The 1/3 arc movement enables the hoist to be operated in tight or limited quarters, the maker says. A ratchet with two ratchet levers in constant contact with the ratchet wheel keeps the hoist wheel under control. In tests the hoist required 60% less effort to perform the same lifting job performed by a differential hoist.



Industrial Drive Unit

A traction type "Gyrol Fluid Drive" for general industrial application is available from the American Blower Corp., Detroit 32, Mich. Designated Size 126, Type T, the basic unit is designed for industrial use with internal combustion engines (left, photo). Power rating is 25 to 85 hp, depending on drive speed. When modified by installation of a flexible coupling half on each side of the fluid drive (right, photo), the new unit is said to be suited to constant speed electric motor applications for driving production and processing equipment, machine tools, conveyors and material handling installations. As a motor driven unit, the Size 126 is rated at $7\frac{1}{2}$ to 15 hp with 1,200 rpm drive speed, 25 to 50 hp at 1,800 rpm.

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This Headed Roof Bolt helps prevent roof falls

Roof falls, resulting in injury and loss of production, are less likely when you use roof bolting, with Bethlehem's square-head roof bolt. This method of roof support promotes safety because it anchors overlying rock. What's more, roof bolting offers these other worthwhile advantages: (1) improved ventilation, due to the absence of bulky supports, (2) increased production through greater freedom in operating mechanized equipment, and (3) less need for storage space, both above and below ground.

Used with Expansion Shell

The Bethlehem square-head roof bolt owes its positive locking action to the leaf-type malleable-iron shell with which it is used. When the bolt is tightened, the leaves of the shell expand, providing a firm four-way grip against the sides of the hole. A square roof plate provides additional support. A hardened washer, furnished with the assembly, reduces friction between the bolt head and roof-plate.

Bethlehem also manufactures a 1-in.-diam slotted roof bolt, used with a steel wedge. This bolt, because of its larger diameter, is ideal where maximum strength is required. It is also suitable for pillar bolting. When installed, the wedge is driven into the 6-in. forged slot, spreading the bolt-ends to fill the hole.

If you would like to consider a roof-bolting program, we suggest you would find it worthwhile to talk with a Bethlehem representative. Just get in touch with our nearest sales office.

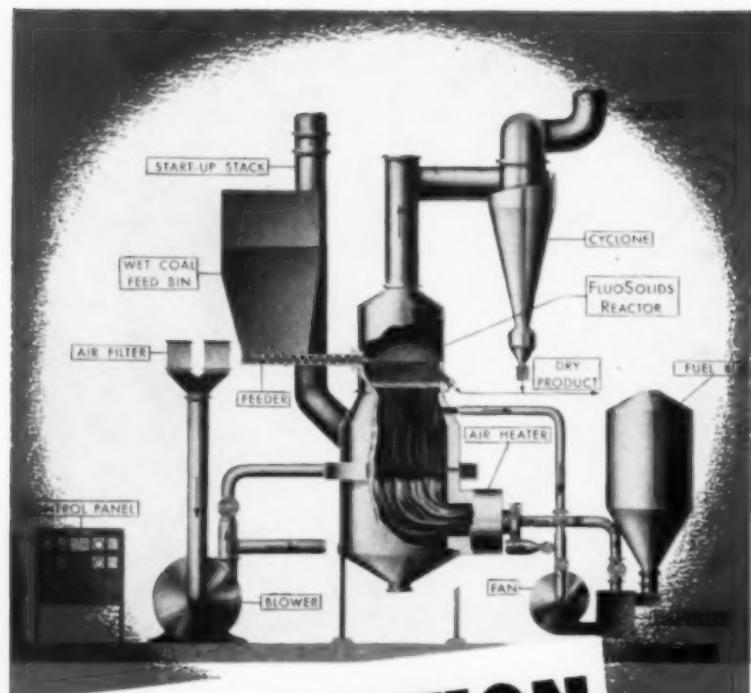
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Carbon	$\frac{3}{4}$ in.	24,000
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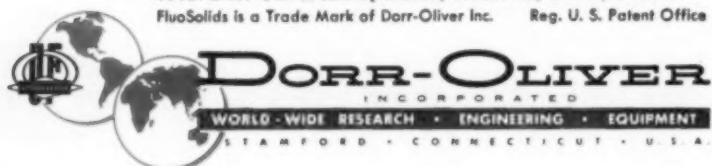
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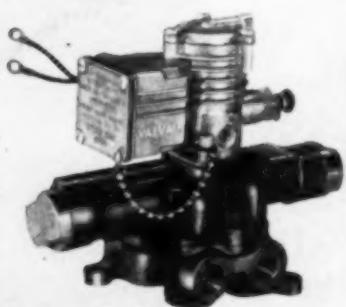
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For more information on this radical departure from conventional fine coal dryers, write for a copy of Bulletin No. 7503. Dorr-Oliver Incorporated, Stamford, Conn., U.S.A.

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Solenoid Control Valve

"Speed King," a new series of solenoid pilot-operated control valves being manufactured by the Valvair Corp., 454 Morgan Ave., Akron 11, Ohio, are said to meet or exceed the JIC Pneumatic Standards. Features: moisture and dust-proof solenoid enclosure; a safety solenoid cover that renders the valve electrically inoperative when the cover is removed; an integral junction box large enough to accommodate 6-in taped pigtail leads. The company says the valves have a service life in excess of 25 million cycles and are capable of controlling more than 600 cycles a minute. Manufactured in $\frac{1}{4}$ -in, $\frac{3}{8}$ -in, $\frac{1}{2}$ -in and 1-in pipe sizes, the valves' pressure ranges in psi are: 35-200 air and 35-125 hydraulic oil for both single and double solenoid valves with internal pilot supply; 0-25 air, hydraulic oil and water for both single and double solenoid valves with external pilot supply; 50-125 for water for single and double solenoid valves with internal pilot supply.



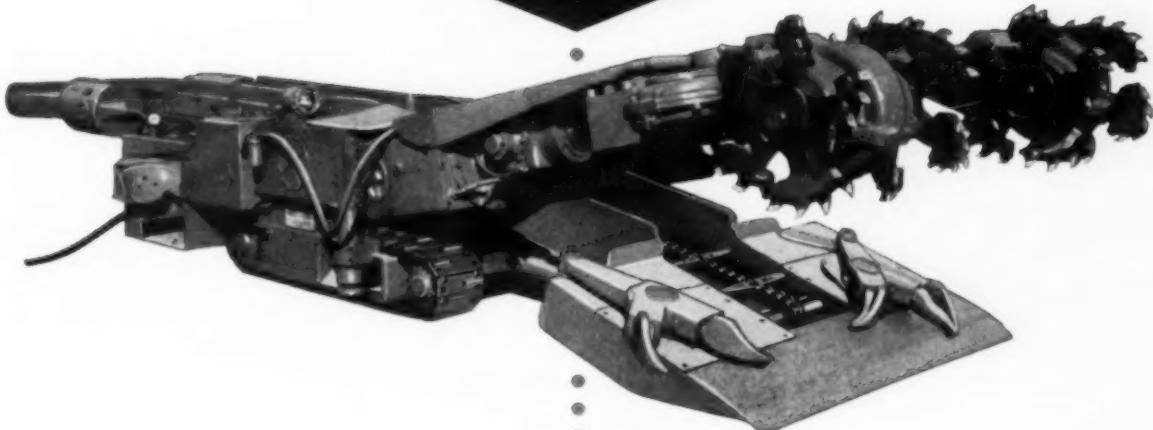
Corrosion Resistant Ducts

Haveg Industries, Inc., 900 Greenbank Rd., Wilmington, Del., has introduced a number of various ducts, hoods and fittings for corrosion resistant service. The units are manufactured entirely of polyester glass-reinforced plastic. They are light, tough and strong, the maker says, and adds that they offer chemical resistance to acid and corrosive conditions. Any size and shape duct hood or stack can be produced, Haveg says.

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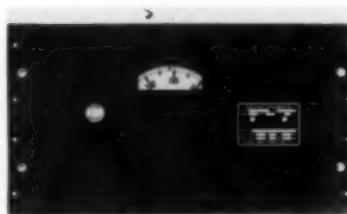
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Transmits Pneumatic Signal

An electronic potentiometer measuring instrument equipped with a pneumatic transmitter that sends a 3-15 psi signal proportional to the measured variable has been announced by The Bristol Co., Waterbury 20, Conn. Named the Dynamaster Pneumatic Transmitter, the unit is available in either potentiometer or bridge circuits and will measure any variable that can be translated into an electrical quantity. It then converts the measurement into a universal 3-15 psi pneumatic signal for transmission to a remote pneu-



matic indicator or recorder. The company says it is possible to present measurements such as speed, viscosity, pH, resistance, smoke density, current and voltage, frequency and conductivity.



All-Purpose Shovel

Outstanding features of "The Yumbo," a hydraulic shovel developed in Italy, according to Geco Inc., 5701 Colorado Blvd., Denver, Colo., are a precision-built ball-bearing turntable and a heavy duty hydraulic system. The turntable consists of lower and upper races, integral gear and center race and 168 ball bearings. Geco, Inc., says "The Yumbo" is the only shovel that has a ball bearing turntable with two races of balls working in compression. This, says the company, reduces friction and permits smooth, fast action under load. The unit's heavy duty hydraulic system includes three double-acting cylinders, one hydraulic motor, four two-way control valves and a hydraulic pump. Requiring only 30 hp, the unit is equipped with an International U169 gasoline engine. An all-purpose tool, "The Yumbo" can be fitted with a $\frac{1}{4}$ -yd backhoe, a $\frac{1}{8}$ -yd front dump bucket, a $\frac{1}{8}$ -yd rock bucket, a $\frac{1}{8}$ -yd gravel bucket, a $\frac{1}{2}$ -yd clamshell and a 6,500-lb crane hook.

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Leak-Proof Valve

A newly developed plastic seal has enabled the U. S. Valve Corp., 831 Bond St., Elizabeth 4, N.J., to introduce a reportedly leak-proof valve. The company says the valve is ideally suited where leak-proof valves are a vital necessity. U. S. Valve also says that the unit remains completely leak-proof under pressure of 725 lb psi and permits no drop in line pressure. Its working pressure is quoted at 435 lb, its temperature limitations at 250 deg. The plastic seal has a shore hardness

"We do '4-hr. jobs' in 2 hrs. with our new TD-9 Skid-Shovel"

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"Snappiest loader on the market"

Hoosier Lime and Stone Co., Salem, Indiana, added a bonus-powered International Drott TD-9 Skid-Shovel to load crushed stone, level overburden, do custom excavating. "This is the snappiest tractor shovel on today's market," states Operator Lawrence Rutherford. "The new TD-9 Skid-Shovel lifts faster, has more engine power, plenty of operator room and comfort, operates easier, has much better vision."



"Plenty of power . . . perfect vision"

This new TD-9 Skid-Shovel loads 12 to 15 tons of zinc ore from stockpile, every 3 or 4 minutes. Turley and Yates, Rutledge, Tenn., also dig basements, clear and drain land, do custom loading with it. Says Partner Joe E. Yates: "It's fast, easy to operate, has plenty of power, and perfect loading-cycle vision. Hydro-Spring is a life-saver to unit and operator. Roomy seat and handy controls increase output, reduce tiring."

"First thing we noticed about this new International Drott was that it does former '4-hour jobs' in 2 hours," reports Supt. Eldon Chamberlain. "Watching it showed why it doubles production. This new rig fills a bucket easier and faster with pry-action break-out. Operator has better control, watches bucket action more easily—and added hp does top speed work with no strain on machine or operator."

This ready-mix concrete company also excavates and grades—digs basements, backfills, and loads spoil dirt. They recently replaced their older crawler-loader with a new International Drott TD-9 Skid-Shovel.

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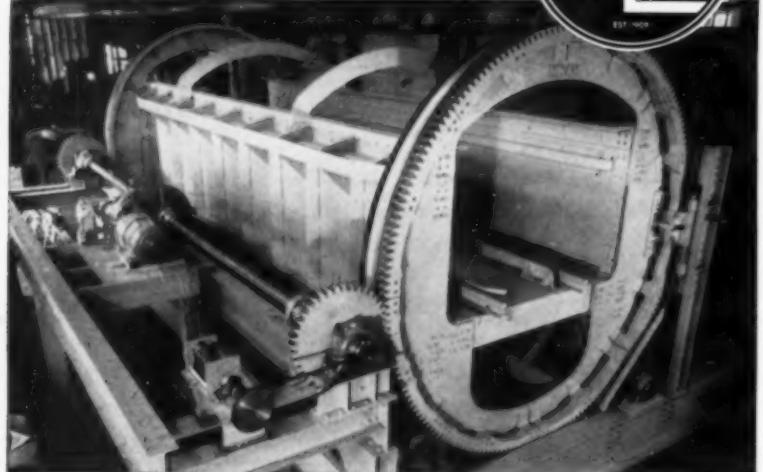
The Wilbur & Williams Co., 130 Lincoln St., Boston 35, Mass., has announced a rubber-coat liquid neoprene available for brushing or spraying. Usual shelf life limitations have been eliminated, according to the company, which says that it is not necessary to make a monthly check of shelf life since the liquid is replaceable by the manufacturer if the material should become unusable.



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Products Co., 1305 Oberlin Ave., Lorain, Ohio, is producing a 3,000 gph submersible multi-purpose pump. Identified as Model 140, the pump's features include a built-in check valve, air lock eliminator, Kenco-GE Switchette control and Thermo-plastic cord and cap. The unit is designed for both completely automatic intermittent operation and for continuous submerged duty. The built-in check valve, according to Kenco, will prevent water from running back.



10,000-Lb Capacity Crane

A mobile crane, the Hyster model "Ke Karry Krane," has been introduced by the Hyster Co., 2902 N. E. Clackamas St., Portland 8, Ore. The unit has a 10,000-lb capacity and is designed to move any shape load that can be placed under its boom. Power steering is standard equipment. Trunnion type steering wheels, a short turning radius and a rounded rear end are designed to permit maneuverability.



Pressure Regulators

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FLOORING COMPOUND—Quick-setting, flooring compound, Stonhard "Stonfil," which hardens within 30 to 40 min., has been developed by the Stonhard Co., Inc., 1306 Spring Garden St., Philadelphia 23, Pa. Small ruts, holes or cracks in concrete floors can be filled with a minimum of delay, the company says. Used in freezing temperatures "Stonfil" hardens in an hour.

ROOF-COATING—A roof coating containing aluminum blended with a "refined vehicle" and a special grade asbestos fiber is being marketed by the Stonhard Co., 1306 Spring Garden St., Philadelphia 23, Pa. Stonhard says the aluminum will not rise to the surface and flake off.

Free Bulletins

BATTERIES—Exide's "Tytex" batteries, designed for stationary power applications, are the subject of a catalog (form 5907) being distributed by the company. Improvements reportedly extending service life up to 10% are described. Box 8109, Philadelphia 1, Pa.

ENGINEERING, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION—The W. K. E. Div., Western Machinery Co., 760 Folsom St., San Francisco 7, Calif., describes in 28 pp its operations and experience in engineering, design and construction of mines, process plants and industrial facilities. Form 63-B33.



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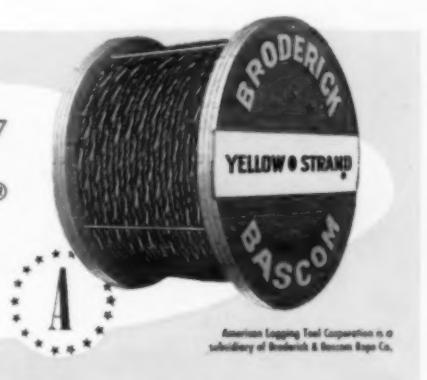
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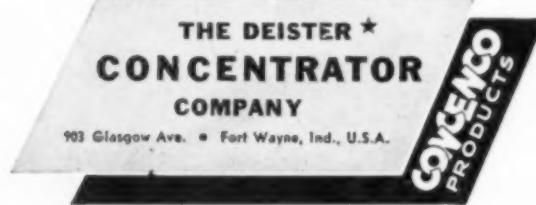
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LUBRICATION—Fiske Bros. Refining Co., Lubriplate Div., 129 Lockwood St., Newark 5, N. J. is distributing "Lubriplate Data Book 56-1," a booklet that describes proper lubrication as the "life blood of all machinery."

WIRE ROPE—Directions for the handling and care of wire rope are included in an 85-p catalog being distributed by American Steel & Wire, Div. of United States Steel, Rockefeller Bldg., Cleveland 13, Ohio. American's "Tiger Brand" wire rope is featured.

GROUTING—Specifications for the non-shrink grouting of heavy equipment, anchor bolts, building columns and bridge seats are being distributed by the Master Builders Co., 7016 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 3, Ohio. The specifications, in eight sections, include grouting materials, storage, mixes in relation to clearance, mixing the grout, forming, preparation, placing the grout and finishing.

SYNCHRONOUS MOTORS—Allis-Chalmers describes construction features of its large end-shield bearing synchronous motors in Bulletin 05B8305. A-C Mfg. Co., 968 S 70th St., Milwaukee, Wis.

FEED CONTROL—Hardinge Co., Inc., York, Pa., is distributing Bulletin 42-A in which the company's "Electric Ear," a device that automatically regulates the flow of feed material is featured.

TAILOR-MADE SPLICES—A booklet containing application information on "Scotcast" splicing kit 90-B1 is being distributed by the manufacturer, Minnesota Mining & Mfg. Co., Dept. D6-157, 900 Fauquier St., St. Paul, Minn. Electrical and physical properties of epoxy resin used in the kit are listed.

HYDRAULIC OIL COOLERS—Vickers, Inc., Box 302, Detroit 32, Mich., is distributing Bulletin 55-69 featuring the company's air type and water type hydraulic oil coolers for hydraulic systems.

REPLACEMENT SCREENS—Bulletin 67, published by Simplicity Engineering Co., Durand, Mich., contains information on woven wire screen for repair and replacement.

MINE EQUIPMENT, SERVICES—Western Machinery Co., 760 Folsom St., San Francisco 7, Calif., is distributing a catalog that lists the company's equipment and services for mines and process plants. Lab services, engineering, design and construction facilities are featured.

HOSE AND FITTINGS—Aeroquip Corp., Jackson, Mich., is distributing a catalog listing hose, fittings, socketless kits and self-sealing couplings designed primarily for replacement. No. 174.

CHEMICAL RECOVERY FILM—A 23-min sound film, "The Waiting Harvest,"



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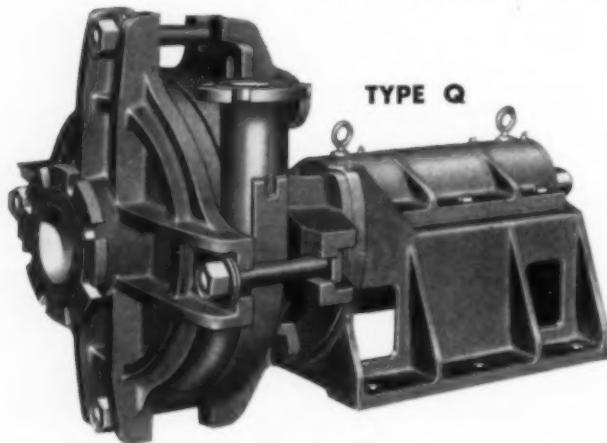
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which illustrates the recovery of basic chemicals from once wasted materials in the coke making process, is being distributed by United States Steel, 525 William Penn Place, Pittsburgh 30, Pa. The film shows how modern products—plastics, perfumes, paints, drugs, fertilizers, insecticides—are being produced from the recovered chemicals.

MINING TOOLS—A revised "Carmet Mining Tool Catalog and Methods Manual," in which redesigned Carmet tools are included, is being distributed by Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corp., Advertising Dept., 2020 Oliver Bldg., Pittsburgh 22, Pa. Technical data on tool design, size and shape of mining bits, roof drills and coal drills are given.

GEARMOTOR—Booklet B-6579, distributed by Westinghouse Electric Corp., P. O. Box 2099, Pittsburgh 30, Pa., presents the Type R right-angle gearmotor for applications requiring 1 to 30 hp.

INDUSTRIAL DIAMONDS—Pictures, tables and text are used by the Diamond Tool Research Co., Inc., 380 Second Ave., New York 10, N. Y., to tell about diamond dressing and truing tools, cutting and boring tools, powder, compound and plated mandrels. Catalog 5 includes descriptions of the qualities of diamond tool stones and blueprints of tools.

CENTRIFUGAL PUMPS—Form 7223-B, a bulletin being distributed by Ingersoll-Rand, 11 Broadway, New York 4, N. Y., covers the complete line of class CRV cradle-mounted centrifugal pumps being manufactured by the company. The pumps described have capacities from 5 to 2,800 gpm and pressures of 10 to 525 ft total head.

CONTROL VALVES—Three- and four-way directional control valves manufactured by The Oilgear Co., 1560 West Pierce St., Milwaukee 4, Wis., for fluid power systems up to 3,000 psi, are described in a 16-p bulletin (80300). Included are details of valve body construction and the functions of standard and special plungers.

PROCESSING EQUIPMENT—The "open door" design, through which access to vital parts of any Sturtevant processing unit is possible by "one man in one minute," is featured in a new catalog by Sturtevant Mill Co., 150 Clayton St., Boston 22, Mass. Named "Sturtevant Dry Processing Equipment," the catalog contains information on blenders, mixers, crushing and milling machines, air separators, pulverizers and screens.

TOWBOAT—A 4-p folder published by Dravo Corp., Neville Island, Pittsburgh 25, Pa., illustrates the Dravo RAM-class 70-ft diesel powered towboat. Power and maneuverability are among the features described.

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James E. Pratt, left, Socony Mobil engineer, obtains performance data on hydraulic system at an aluminum extrusion plant.

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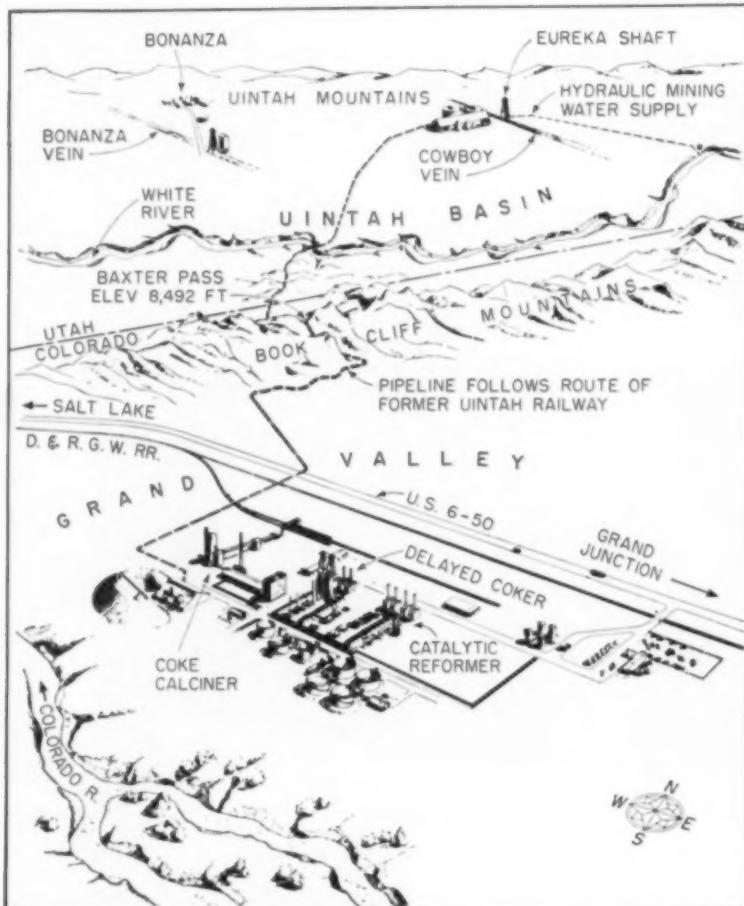


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NEWS ROUND-UP



Start Utah-Colorado Solid Mineral Pipeline

Construction of one of the world's longest pipelines to carry a solid hydrocarbon material is now underway between Bonanza, Utah and Gilsonite, Colo., near Grand Junction, Ernest F. Goodner, president, American Gilsonite Co., Salt Lake City, Utah, announced in New York July 11.

The 70-mile pipeline, which will traverse some of the most rugged, uninhabited Rocky Mt. terrain, is part of a \$16-million project for converting "gilsonite" or uintaite ores into high-purity coke, gasoline and fuel oil. The coke is expected to find a ready market in aluminum manufacture and specialty carbon fields. The petroleum products will be sold in nearby area markets. (Up to now, gilsonite has been used largely in making asphalt tile, storage battery boxes, inks,

paints, varnishes, and as insulation for hot underground pipes.)

Besides the pipeline, estimated to cost \$2 million, other parts of the project now underway include:

1. Introduction of "wet" hydraulic mining techniques at the Gilsonite Co.'s Bonanza mines to eliminate explosion

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hazards from gilsonite dust in confined areas.

2. Construction of a processing plant, scheduled for completion in the spring of 1957 at Gilsonite, Colo., for converting gilsonite ore into high-purity coke, gasoline and fuel oil.

Mr. Goodner referred to the pipeline as "perhaps the most unusual aspect of the new coking plant operation." He said that the line will be 6-in pipe, buried beneath the frostline, and will carry a slurry of gilsonite and water. The concentration of the gilsonite slurry will range from 20% to 60%. To prevent the solid material from settling out, the slurry will be kept moving through the line at relatively high velocities, from 200 to 500 gpm. The grade on the line will be kept to a flat slope to eliminate plugging. And the line is designed so that it will be very difficult to shut it down accidentally. To minimize pipe corrosion, free oxygen will be removed from the slurry with sodium sulfite.

Three pumps, each with 570 hp, will be maintained at the Bonanza pump station. Two pumps will be operating and one will be a standby ready to go at a moment's notice. All will be electric motor driven. In the event of a power failure, the diesel pump that supplies the jet mining water will be used to push water into the pipeline. In addition, there will be a water reservoir at the top of Baxter Pass for flushing the line should the flow stop for some unforeseen reason. The pumping units will maintain a pressure of 2,200 lb psi. The pipeline will hold 1,000,000 gallons of water.

Gilsonite ore will flow into the processing plant at the rate of 630 tpd. The plant's output will be 250 tpd of coke; 1,300 bbl per day of gasoline and 300 bbl per day of fuel oil. Initial plans for the project were announced last year by the American Gilsonite Co. after several years of research and pilot plant development. The American Gilsonite Co. is a joint affiliate of Barber Oil Corp. and Standard Oil Co. of California.

Pipe work on Pitt Consol's 108-mi coal-carrying pipeline in Ohio has been completed. The line originates two miles south of Cadiz, Ohio, terminates at East Lake, near Cleveland, the site of a Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. power station. The line has been constructed with 10-in (inside) diameter steel pipe and has been laid 4 ft beneath the ground. Some 15,000 tons of steel were required during construction. Coal will be crushed and mixed with an equal weight of water, then forced through the line by three pumps stationed at 35-mi intervals. At a rate of 3% mph the coal will reach its destination in about 30 hr. Roughly, 3,600 tpd from mines operated by Hanna Coal Co. will be deposited at the East Lake terminus.



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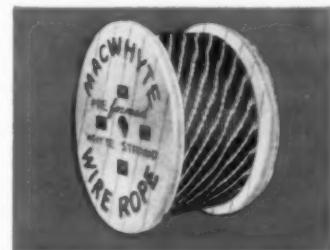
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ACS, Inc., Seeks Liberties For Overseas Coal Trade

In its first move as an organized, incorporated group American Coal Shipping, Inc., the new \$50 million shipping company backed by producing and exporting companies, rails and the UMWA (*Coal Age*, July 1956, p 122), last month asked the Maritime Administration for 30 Liberty ships on a charter basis from the reserve fleet. If Maritime approves the application the ships will be put into service as soon as possible, hauling an estimated 3 million tons a year.

One spur to their immediate use is a rail application, filed with the ICC, that would result in increasing demurrage rates on cars to \$4 for the first two chargeable days; \$7 for each of the next two chargeable days and \$10 for each day following. In June *Coal Age* reported that a spot check at Hampton Roads late in April showed that there were about 18,000 cars waiting to be unloaded—considerably in excess of cargo space needed for expeditious handling. p 57)

Operating costs for the Liberty ships will be high. The charter price alone will be about \$7,000 a month each. Wages will run about \$860 a day. In addition, many overseas buyers will pay transportation costs in currencies softer than the American dollar, thus leaving ACS with the job of converting foreign currencies.

On freight rates, ACS says that the rates it hopes to apply will have to be worked out in actual operations. The ships will be operated at a profit and without subsidy. Still, ACS is sure it can undercut the \$11 per ton charge now levied on ocean-going coal.

Meanwhile, an assist in battering down ocean freight charges may be developing for the new company. A German firm, with the aid of Sen. James Duff (R-Pa.) is attempting to buy 24 coal-burning Liberties to haul coal bought in the United States to West Germany and other NATO countries. The company, the American-German Coal Transport Co., would carry about 2 million tons a year at an estimated price of \$7 a ton. Liberty ships, based on the \$500,000 price set by law would cost the German company about \$12 million. On the open market similar ships cost about \$1 million each.

Sen. Duff, on July 9, introduced legislation in Congress which would empower Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks to sell the ships. But the belief in Washington is that Sen. Duff's bill was introduced too late this year for action. The bill is also sure of running into heavy opposition from U. S. ship operators and the maritime unions, neither of which cares for the idea of permitting foreign ship operators to pick up U. S. ships at bargain prices for competition against American flag vessels.

But, a glance at export tonnage and ship arrival statistics indicates that foreign ships have already made big gains.

On July 5, the Hampton Roads Maritime Association reported that despite



OATH OF OFFICE is taken by Marling J. Ankeny (right), 10th director of the U. S. Bureau of Mines. Floyd E. Dotson (left), chief clerk of the department, administered the oath during July 20 ceremonies in the office of Fred A. Seaton (center), Secretary of the Interior. As director, Mr. Ankeny returns to the agency he served for 24 yr. He resigned in 1952 to become safety director of the Bituminous Coal Operators Association.

a boom in coal exports, American ships are carrying less coal to foreign nations than they were a year ago. Thus far, the Association reports, only 27 American ships have loaded coal for overseas buyers. A year ago, when only half as much coal was dumped over local piers, 40 American ships were tied up to receive export cargoes.

Yet exports (bituminous) in the first six

months of 1956 totaled 21,531,261 net tons, an increase of 8,098,784, or 37.6%, over last year's 13,432,477 tons for the same period. Hampton Roads, alone, handled 19,063,948 net tons up to June, 1956, compared with 11,898,025 in the same period last year.

A New York shipping man of long experience, William Conant Brewer, was elected president of American Coal Shipping, Inc., June 28 in Washington, D.C., home office of ACS, Inc. Mr. Brewer, a shipping broker, was at one time director of stockpile and shipping for the War Production Board. He has also been associated with the Bull Steamship Line. In recent years he has maintained ship brokerage offices in New York.

Acid Inhibitor Process Receives Second Setback

A promising mine acid inhibitor process developed by Johns Hopkins researchers 4 yr ago once again dropped back under the legal cloud that has shrouded most of its turbulent career. That career was launched in January 1953 when Walter A. Patrick, a physical chemistry professor, and Floyd W. McCollum, a chemical engineering student, announced that a chemical inhibitor might prevent natural formation of acid in active and abandoned coal mines. Their application for a patent on this finding immediately ran into a legal snarl. The U. S. Public Health Service held that any discovery made with support of public funds must be dedicated

Bituminous Output

YEAR TO DATE	PRODUCTION
July 14, 1956	264,214,000
July 16, 1955	235,905,000

1956 output 12.0% ahead of 1955.
A month earlier output was 15.3% above 1955.

WEEK ENDING	PRODUCTION
July 14, 1956	7,150,000
July 16, 1955	9,677,000

Anthracite Output

YEAR TO DATE	PRODUCTION
July 14, 1956	14,168,000
July 16, 1955	13,819,000

1956 output 2.5% ahead of 1955.
A month earlier 1956 output was 1.4% ahead of 1955.

WEEK ENDING	PRODUCTION
July 14, 1956	441,000
July 16, 1955	489,000

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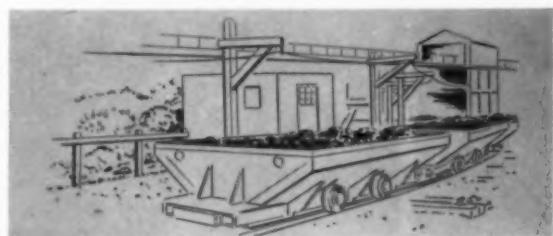
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to public use. A USPHS grant to the Potomac River Basic Commission had financed Mr. McCollum's tests of the mine acid inhibitor theory.

It took more than two years to reach a settlement and clear a path for the Patrick-McCollum patent application. It was widely and happily assumed that since the legal storm had subsided, a patent would be granted without much trouble. But, the patent office rejected the application for lack of sufficient scientific evidence to judge the merit of the process. This outcome of the protracted squabble over patent rights has left the future of the mine acid inhibitor up in the air. But,

all three parties involved are considering steps to lift the uncertainty. Mr. McCollum has turned over to the Potomac River Commission the data on field tests he conducted on the process—data insufficient to satisfy the patent office. The Commission, in turn, has relinquished its claim of future patent rights to U. S. Public Health Service and has forwarded all data on the process to USPHS. The next step is up to USPHS. So far, it's undecided on how to proceed, but is weighing this plan: transmit the process details and all test data to its Taft Engineering Research Center at Cincinnati for expert appraisal and guidance on whether USPHS should

put up the money for further field tests.

Pending the experts' report, Washington's view is that the Patrick-McCollum process is a promising lead—the only one to turn up so far—to licking mine acid wastes—still the leading unsolved water pollution problem. But even if Cincinnati confirms this view, USPHS still must find the money for a field test program. Right now, the money picture is clouded. USPHS—with the President's signature hardly dry on the new and broader Federal Water Pollution Control Act—is racing against time to get an appropriation for fiscal 1957 through Congress before adjournment. USPHS wants \$2 to \$3 million for water pollution research this year and had not planned when drawing up this request on including tests of the mine-acid inhibitor. So, if USPHS fails to get all the research money it wants, financing the test program will be doubly hard.

Future patent moves are likely to be guided by USPHS decision on whether or not to run extensive tests on the process. If the test program does come off—and the results are favorable—USPHS probably will apply for a patent in its own name. In the event USPHS drops the idea of further testing—for lack of funds or an adverse report from its Cincinnati engineers—it probably will publish all process details and the McCollum field research report, for others to carry on from there.

What rights Mr. Patrick and Mr. McCollum retain in the process is still uncertain. The Commission says they have relinquished future patent rights to the commission only for use of the process for mine wastes, but still have the rights to apply for patents on all other potential uses (e.g. as a rust inhibitor). But, USPHS says the Commission relinquished to USPHS its right to patent the process and the patent office has ruled that the process as of now is unpatentable.



EVOLUTION OF THE MINE LAMP is traced by Paul S. Carter (center), maintenance superintendent, Armcoc Steel Corp. Mines, Montcoal, W. Va., during a meeting of the Appalachian Chapter of the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers, Beckley, W. Va. Lamps are the oil burning cap lamp (left), carbide lamps, flame safety lamps, the modern battery-cap lamp and, still in the experimental stage, the modified household fluorescent lamp. Looking on are Tom Howard (left), mining engineer, New River Co., Mt. Hope, W. Va.; Lloyd G. Fitzgerald, mining engineer, U. S. Bureau of Mines, Mt. Hope, W. Va.; Alex Kelleman, safety director, and C. R. Hoover, assistant chief engineer, Armcoc Steel Corp., Montcoal, W. Va. Mr. Fitzgerald is president of the chapter. Mr. Howard is secretary.



COAL MEN ON THE JOB . . .

FIATT, ILL., TRUAX-TRAER COAL CO.—Elmer McCann (left), mining mechanic; R. M. Leseney, mechanical superintendent; Floyd M. Cordray, chief electrician; and E. G. Young, General Electric Co.

News Briefs

Chief executives from 48 coal companies have formed the Mid-West Coal Producers Institute, Inc. **Stuart Colnon**, president of the Freeman Coal Mining Corp., was chosen board chairman. Other officers: **A. H. Truax**, president, Truax-Traer Coal Co., Chicago; vice presidents: **J. W. Morgan**, president, Ayrshire Collieries, Indianapolis; **Mark Eastin, Jr.**, president, West Kentucky Coal Co., Madisonville, Ky.; treasurer: **T. L. Kelce**, vice president, Peabody Coal Co., Chicago; secretary, **A. J. Christiansen**, Chicago.

The federal Budget Bureau has reportedly approved a \$700,000 Bureau of Mines building in Mt. Hope, W. Va.

Pennsylvania's Gov. Leader has named the following men to membership on the state's Coal Research Board: **Edward G. Fox**, former head of Reading Anthracite Coal Co., Pottsville; **F. O. Case**, president of Glen Alden Corp., Wilkes-Barre;



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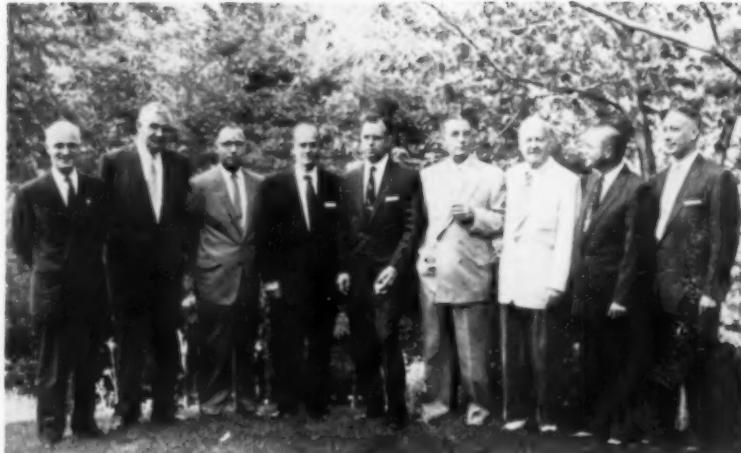
Robert G. Pfahler, coal consultant, Paoli; Joseph Purgl, Jr., vice-president of research, Pittsburgh Consolidation Coal Co., Pittsburgh; Joseph T. Kershetsky, president, UMWA, District 9, Shamokin; John Seddon, UMWA, District 5, Pittsburgh.

The Georgia Power Co. and the Alabama Power Co. plan to construct a \$150 million steam-electric generating plant on the Coosa River near Alabama's coal fields. Four steam generating units having an output of 1 million kw are expected to be completed in 1963. The location, according to Harlee Branch, Jr., president of Georgia Power, will enable the plant to serve many of Georgia's biggest load centers. Because of transmission improvements, Mr. Branch says, it is now cheaper to bring electricity into Georgia over transmission lines than to transport coal.

The Elkhorn Coal Corp. of Kentucky, an affiliate of Pittsburgh Consolidation Coal Co., will open a mine near Alexander in West Virginia's Upshur County. The company plans to operate under the name, Peerless Sewell Coal Co. and has leased land near Alexander. Expected production is 1,000 tpd. Van B. Stith, Huttonsville, W. Va., who directed operations at the Anchor Coal Co., has been retained as superintendent of the new mine.

The Virginia Coal Operators Association has established a \$300 scholarship at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. The scholarship is open only to high school graduates that live in seven Virginia counties. E. H. Robinson, secretary of the association, is receiving nominations in Norton, Va.

Two coal executives, James D. Ireland, president of the Peters Creek Coal Co., Summersville, W. Va., and Robert D. Cowen, president, Monongahela & Ohio Coal Co., Cleveland, Ohio, have bought the Gauley Mountain Coal Co. in West



NATIONAL AND SECTION OFFICERS who attended the annual summer meeting of the Pennsylvania Anthracite Section, AIME. W. B. Stephenson, (left) chairman, Philadelphia section; W. W. Everett, chairman ex-officio, P. A. S.; Daniel Lyons, chairman, Lehigh Valley section; C. E. Reistle Jr., president, AIME; W. J. Parton, retiring chairman, P. A. S.; D. Mitchell, secretary, coal division; Floyd S. Sanders, chairman elect, P. A. S.; T. R. Weichel, secretary-treasurer P. A. S.; E. O. Kirkendall, secretary, AIME.



HEADS OPERATORS' GROUP—Edward G. Fox, former president of the Reading Anthracite Coal Co., has been elected president of the Bituminous Coal Operators Association, succeeding the late Harry Moses. As his first assignment, Mr. Fox will probably negotiate for a new labor contract with John L. Lewis.

Preparation Facilities

Minersville Coal Co., Minersville, Pa.—Contract closed with the Deister Concentrator Co. for one SuperDuty diagonal deck No. 7 coal washing table for cleaning rice-size anthracite.

Christopher Coal Co., Humphrey No. 7 mines, Maudville, W. Va.—Contract closed with the Deister Concentrator Co. for five Model 108-B Concenco revolving feed distributors for feed distribution to SuperDuty diagonal deck No. 7 coal washing tables.

Ridgeview Coal Co., Ridgeview, W. Va.—Contract closed with the Kanawha Mfg. Co. for a ground

storage system. Live storage: 500 tons; handling capacity to and from storage: 150 tph ROM. Equipment and facilities consist of dump bin for drop bottom cars, 150 ft inclined belt conveyor to storage pile, a stacking tower to build pile, and a recovery conveyor from underneath the storage pile to trucks. Estimated completion, September.

W. P. Stahlman, Corsica, Pa.—Contract closed with the Jeffrey Mfg. Co. for a single-compartment diaphragm jig, an addition to the present washing plant, to wash 6x0 at 150 tph.

Virginia's Fayette County. The transaction was effective July 10. Gauley Mountain Coal Co., situated at Ansted, W. Va., will be operated under the same name. Mr. Ireland and Mr. Cowen purchased the company independently. Financial details have not been disclosed.

In West Virginia's Gauley coal field near Richwood two closed mines have been activated. Tioga No. 5, located on Strouds Creek-Muddley RR, formerly operated by the Tioga Coal Corp., has been reopened by the Gauley Eagle Coal & Coke Co. The mine's name has been changed to Gauley Eagle No. 3. The second reopened mine lies in the Sewell coal seam and is known as Turkey Creek No. 2. Formerly operated by the Pike Coal Co., the mine has been taken over by Raymond Floyd, Summersville. The mine's name is unchanged.

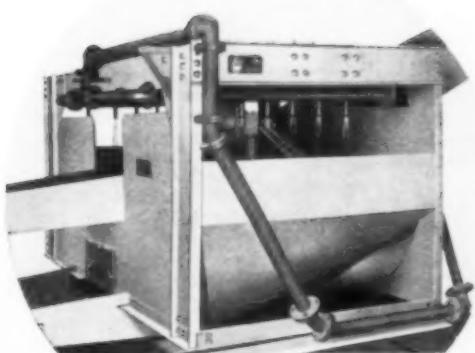
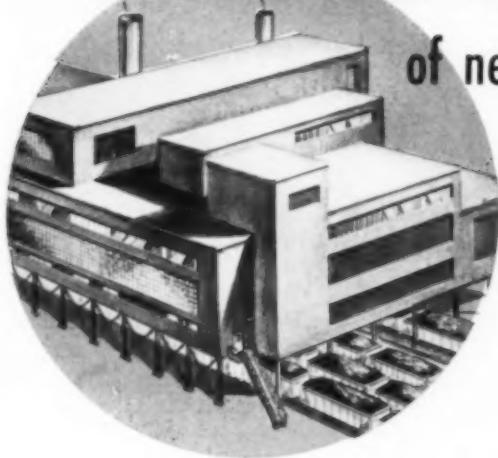
A 100,000-kw steam-electric plant is under construction on a bank of the North Platte river at Glenrock, Wyo. The \$20 million development, expected to increase Wyoming's power supply by 50%, will burn coal from the Glenrock field, only 12 mi north of the plant site. The builder is the Pacific Power & Light Co., which says that "good quality" coal seams 25 to 40 ft thick are at hand and can be mined economically by stripping.

Labuco mine, Alabama By-Products Corp., Flat Creek, Ala., which worked 168,513 man hours last year without a disabling injury, has won top honors among bituminous mines in the Bureau of Mines' 31st National Safety Competition for the second straight year. In the anthracite division, Germantown Colliery, Raven Run Coal Co., Centralia, Pa., took top honors after 12 yr of competing. (Continued p 150)

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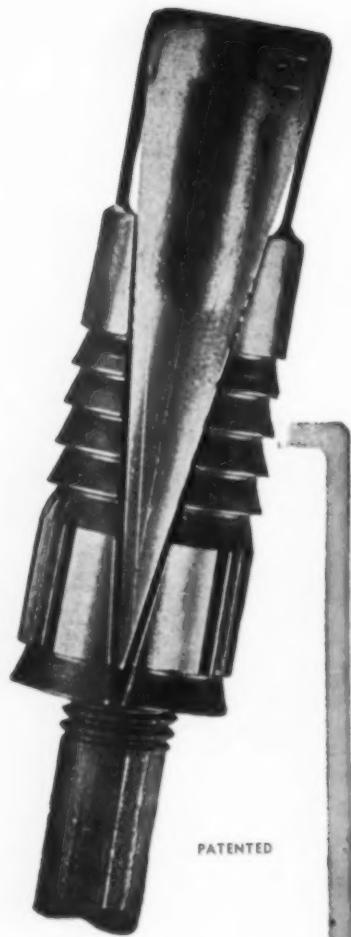
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FRANCE

The French expect to import about 18 million tons of coal this year, an increase of 1.5 million tons over 1955. Maurice Lemaire says that the increase is due to a high level of industrial activity in France, particularly in steel. The increased needs are also seen as a consequence of North African hostilities.

WEST GERMANY

Coal and coke exports are to be reduced by 10% or 2 million tons a year. At the same time, because of a steady

Communist China beginning this month, according to Japan's largest steel producer, Yawata Iron and Steel Co. The company disclosed that two representatives will visit Peking to negotiate for the imports.

ITALY

Italy's growing coal requirements, unmet by her own production and productions of the European Coal and Steel Pool, are being met by United States coal. In a complaint to the ECSC, Italy disclosed that during 1955 she was forced to



LARGEST OF ITS KIND in Britain, this 56-ft coal hauler is powered by a 270-hp Rolls-Royce diesel. The 66-ton hauler is mounted on a Euclid tractor and is manufactured by the Eagle Engineering Co., Warwick, England. This one is scheduled to help move 16,000 tons of coal a week from Britain's deepest strip operation at Bedlington, Northumberland.

decrease in domestic coal production and an increasing demand by industry, more coal will have to be imported. Observers in Bonn estimate that the United States will supply 10 to 12 million tons of the 20 million negotiated up to March, 1957, despite the fact that American coal will cost 50% more than domestic. The same observers believe that the United Kingdom and Poland will supply only 3 million tons. Hard coal production in June amounted to 11,513,900 tons against 10,264,400 tons in May.

SOUTH AFRICA

The South African government's \$112 million oil-from-coal plant "Sasol," will produce two qualities of gasoline—a special alcohol blend and a motor fuel similar to that of imported gasoline. In full production, the plant will produce 55 million gallons annually.

JAPAN

The Japanese steel industry wants to import 350,000 tons of coking coal from

increase coal imports by 2 million tons, all of it coming from the United States. Her total imports of coal last year were 6.8 million tons.

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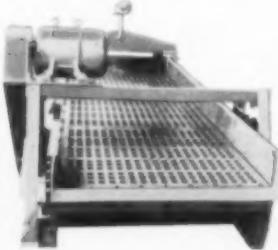
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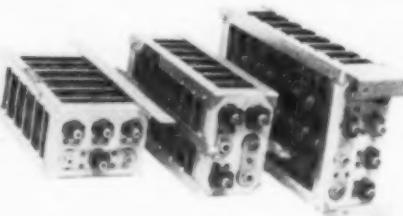
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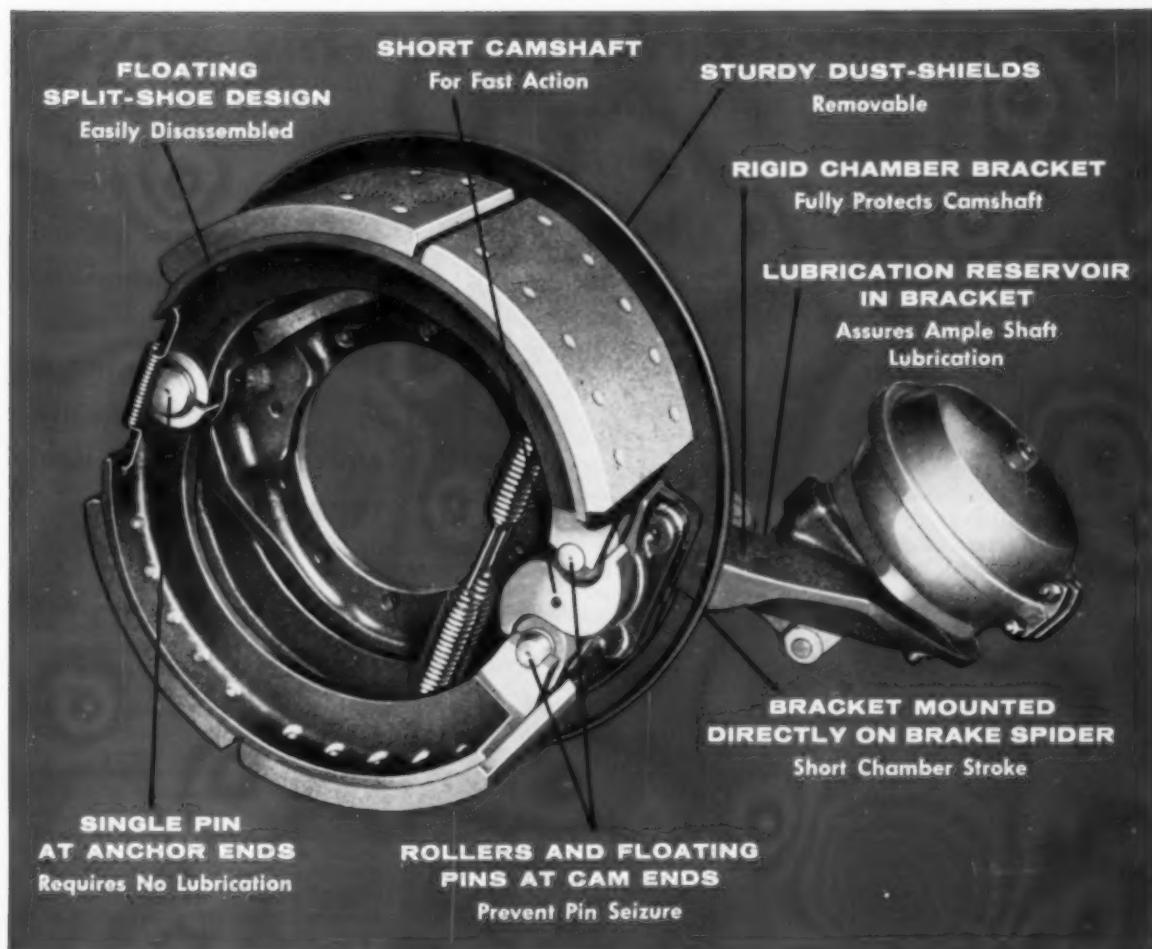
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The Mining Bank, a government department, is carrying out experiments in the manufacture of coal briquettes. After experimenting with a number of binding materials to mix with the anthracite, including starch, the experimenters found that molasses was ideal for the purpose.

GREAT BRITAIN

The Central Electricity Authority states that the Ministry of Fuel and Power will begin to build a nuclear power plant at Berkeley on the Severn Estuary in Gloucestershire, England, early in 1957. The plant will be the twin to one built at Bradwell in Essex. Although the two stations will produce electricity at a price which will compete with electricity from coal, it is becoming apparent that their successors will have a still greater competitive advantage. Recent developments in research laboratories have shown how to increase substantially the power output of stations like Berkeley and Bradwell without increasing their size and cost. The most important development is believed to be the discovery of how to increase the temperature of uranium fuel. In the two stations the temperature of the uranium fuel will not rise above 400 deg C. In the near future however, temperatures of 600 deg C are thought to be feasible. This means that uranium will be burnt at a greater rate, resulting in better use of the same machinery, and resulting in greater efficiency. Another important development is a method of welding steel plate thicker than 2 in. This means that it will be possible to build larger reactor vessels without a corresponding increase in cost. British engineers are now talking of power stations with a capacity of 300 megawatts or more. Berkeley and Bradwell will not have much more than 200 megawatts.

In terms of cost, the advantages of atomic power will be much greater than was imagined as recently as a year ago. It was then thought that an investment of \$336 would be required to provide a kilowatt of electrical capacity, as will be the case at Berkeley and Bradwell. But capital cost in later power stations will be less than \$224 a kilowatt. This means of course, cheaper electricity. British experts once thought that in atomic power stations capital charges would account for about half a cent for each unit of electricity produced, and that even with a conservative estimate of the value of plutonium produced as a by-product, net fuel costs would run at about a quarter of a cent a unit. (These figures add up to about three quarters of a cent a unit—the cost of generating electricity in modern coal-fired power stations near coalfields.) Now however, it seems that the cost of generating atomic power will be rather less than half a cent a unit. It also implies that Britain's atomic energy program can be carried out more quickly.



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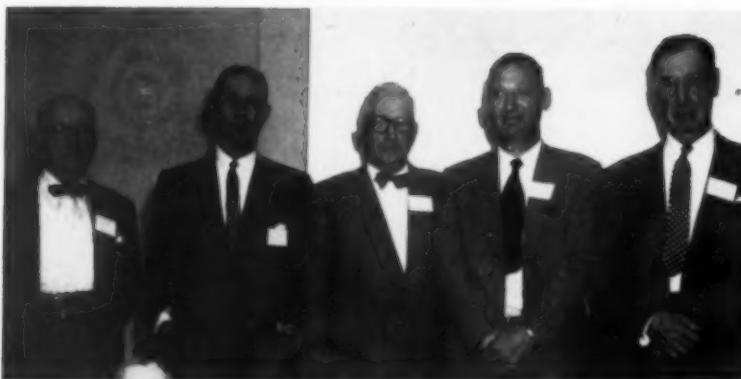
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52nd Rocky Mountain Meeting



MOUNTAIN BUMPS, MINE FIRES—Fred W. Whiteside (left), institute secretary; Walter Steen, U. S. Steel Corp.; W. J. O'Connor, Independent Coal & Coke Co.; James Westfield, U. S. Bureau of Mines, and R. L. Hair, retiring institute president, Colorado Fuel & Iron Corp.



BOLTING, CHAR PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE—Edward Thomas (left), USBM; R. R. Williams, Jr.; Colorado Fuel & Iron Corp., session chairman; Leonard Allot, CF&I, and R. T. Hair, Joy Mfg. Co.



CONVEYORS, CLEANUP, PRODUCTIVE MAINTENANCE, POTASH MINING—R. T. Blakley (left), General Electric Co.; C. E. Pressnell, International Minerals & Chemical Corp.; V. O. Murray, Union Pacific Coal Co.; M. D. Ross, Kaiser Steel Co., and L. S. Ahlen, Goodman Mfg. Co.

Glenwood Springs, Colo., is scene of annual conference of western coal operators, with emphasis this year on increasing mine safety and improving operations and maintenance of mechanical equipment.

INCREASED SAFETY through control of mountain bumps and better fire prevention and fire control underground, and improved equipment maintenance through more reasonable treatment of equipment at the face and adequate interest in maintenance from top management were among major topics presented by speakers at the 52nd annual meeting of the Rocky Mountain Coal Mining Institute at Glenwood Springs, Colo., June 17-20. Other features of the program included a description of the extensible rope-belt conveyor, a survey of the various methods of producing low-temperature char; an outline of the safety program and aspirations of the UMWA, and a review of recent developments in roof bolting.

Operating officials in their contributions described methods for recovering Utah coals and for advancing a slope through heavily-caved ground.

In his president's address at the opening session on Monday morning, R. L. Hair, superintendent of coal mines, Colorado Fuel & Iron Corp., Pueblo, Colo., reported a 15% upsurge in Colorado's production in 1955 over 1954, in pointing out that a continuous rise appears in the offing in spite of the claims for the glamorous sources of energy, nuclear and solar. Colorado mines produced 3 million tons in 1954 and 3.4 million in 1955, and production in the western states as a group was up about 10% in 1955. Looking to the future, Mr. Hair declared that although prospects for increases in domestic-heating markets are limited the utilities show some promising possibilities. Furthermore, the chemical industries may soon begin to use more coal.

Chairman of the following technical session was W. J. O'Connor, president, Independent Coal & Coke Co., Salt Lake City, Utah. Speakers and their subjects were Walter Steen, manager of industrial relations, United States Steel Corp., Gary, W. Va., on control of mountain bumps; and James Westfield, assistant director, U. S. Bureau of Mines, Washington, D.

INDUSTRY MEETING— A Special COAL AGE Staff-Written Report

C., on fire prevention and fire control.

"Since August, 1953, we have been experimenting with unloading the internal stresses in pillars by augering them before mining."

Thus setting the stage, Mr. Steen, in presenting a paper prepared by Woods G. Talman, general superintendent of the Gary District, U. S. Steel, told the institute that efforts to drill into loaded blocks have been successful, and that bumps have been triggered in all intensities from light to those requiring clean-up of 1,000 tons of coal.

As described in Mr. Talman's paper, the drilling is done from in back of some protective barrier, such as the chain pillar or heavy cribbing, for example. Step-by-step procedures in all the work done to date were outlined in a series of slides, showing locations and lengths of all holes drilled. Mr. Talman's description of these operations appears in the January, 1955, issue of *Coal Age*, p 68.

Emphasizing the seriousness of the problem, Mr. Steen had the sad duty of reporting that a bump in the Pocahontas No. 4 seam at a U. S. Steel operation a few days before the meeting had resulted in fatal injury to three men and serious injury to a fourth. The men had been cleaning up in a room when the bump occurred nearby. Not a single timber, crib or line curtain was disturbed.

"From July 1952 through the year 1955, 120 fires were reported in the Nation's bituminous coal mines. How many fires occurred that were not reported can only be conjectured. Five lives were lost and 33 nonfatal injuries were suffered in the fires reported."

This was the macabre score reported by Mr. Westfield in his review of some recent fires which caused suffering and extensive damage. With respect to origin, 68 of the fires were caused by electricity, 17 by belts, one by acetylene, one by explosives and 33 by a variety of other causes. It is quite evident in analyzing the causes that nearly every one could have been prevented by proper planning and maintenance, Mr. Westfield declared.

Recognizing that some in the industry have attributed spontaneous fires in pillar areas to the use of bleeder openings around such areas, Mr. Westfield pointed out that such fires have occurred in areas where bleeders were not involved. There can be no question that the danger of an explosion is greatly minimized by bleeder openings.

Summing up the reasons why fires get out of control, Mr. Westfield finds that lack of training in fire-fighting procedures is a principal factor. The industry spends millions of dollars for modern mining equipment, but there is a serious question as to whether enough is spent on training men to fight incipient fires as a protection for this investment. Most mines have well-trained maintenance crews to keep the equipment operating because outages of

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even a few minutes duration are expensive. Yet, extensive fire damage to equipment or property can be much more costly than mechanical or electrical breakdowns.

It is hardly conceivable that a trained man would request a fan reversal while other men in the mine are endangered by a fire, which actually happened in one instance reviewed by Mr. Westfield. It is recommended, therefore, that all supervisors and 10% of the men on each shift be thoroughly trained in fighting mine fires.

Lack of adequate equipment is another reason why fires get out of control. This includes improperly located equipment and empty or corroded extinguishers. Many mines maintain water lines having 100 psi at the face. On testing or in an emergency, however, some of these would not deliver for more than a moment a nozzle discharge of 50 gpm, the recommended minimum.

Char production, maintenance and roof-bolting developments were key topics at the Monday-afternoon session, with R. R. Williams Jr., manager of mines, CF&I, Pueblo, presiding. Following is a review of proceedings at this session.

"During the early years of this century, literally hundreds of low-temperature carbonization processes were developed. Some of these never passed the 'paper' stage, some were tried in laboratory- or pilot-size units and some commercial plants were built."

This was the introduction to a survey of carbonization processes which was prepared for the institute by John D. Price, superintendent, coal and coal chemicals dept., CF&I, and presented by Leonard Allott, chief chemist at the CF&I coke plant, Pueblo. Using slides to show distinguishing characteristics of 11 representative processes, Mr. Price stressed the point that selection of a process must be based on the nature of the coal to be carbonized and on the end use for which the products are destined. CF&I interest in

the matter centers about a search for a carbonization method that will permit the use of char made from non-coking western coals that can be substituted for low-volatile coals in blending coke-oven charges.

With this goal in mind, CF&I officials have laid down the following major requirements which must be satisfied by the retort finally selected:

The resulting char must make a satisfactory grade of coke; the satisfactory use of the coke in the blast furnaces being the criterion of its quality.

Agitation of the coal within the retort appears desirable to prevent caking and to insure efficient, uniform heating.

Retort should have as few interior projections as possible to prevent build-up of carbonaceous material.

The process of feeding coal and discharging char should be continuous.

Access to the interior of the retort for cleaning and inspection should be easy.

Heating controls should be adequate to permit handling of different grades of coal and production of the desired quality of char, and the retort should be efficient in fuel consumption.

Closely-sized coal should not be required and removal of fines from feed coal should not be necessary.

Retort should have a relatively high rate of daily throughput to limit the number of units required.

"Loader booms should not be used as derricks, and shuttle cars should not be used as post pullers."

Some practices which may be good temporary expedients can become bad standard practices, and many expedients have a way of becoming standards, was the theme of the second Monday-afternoon feature, presented by R. T. Hair, manager of sales-coal industry, Joy Mfg. Co., Pittsburgh, Pa. Particular emphasis was placed by Mr. Hair on some do's and don'ts, as follows:

Don't tamper with hydraulic relief valves. It is relatively easy to adjust a

relief valve to compensate for worn components in other parts of the circuit, but it is equally as easy to forget to reset the valve after repairs are made.

Don't use jumpers to solve electrical failures, since this often contributes to further failures.

Don't use old cable as feeders.

Do replace hydraulic hoses with duplicate types.

Don't tolerate underinflation of shuttlecar tires. Most useless tires are victims of sidewall damage, not tread wear.

Think twice before filling tires with water, since this can lead to transmission of all road shocks to the frame of the unit.

Don't plug motors if they're not designed for such service.

Don't weld where bolts are called for.

Don't settle for two capscrews where six are needed.

In short, Mr. Hair said, Run your maintenance program, don't let maintenance run you.

Final feature of the day's program was a survey of recent developments in roof bolting by Edward M. Thomas, chief, roof-control section, USBM, College Park, Md. The full text of Mr. Thomas' paper appears in this issue of *Coal Age*, beginning on p 85.

Presiding at the Tuesday session was V. O. Murray, vice president in charge of operations, Union Pacific Coal Co., Rock Springs, Wyo. First offering was a film entitled, "Up From the Bed of a Desert Sea," presented by C. E. Pressnell, general superintendent, International Minerals & Chemicals Corp., Carlsbad, N. Mex. By way of introduction, Mr. Pressnell pointed out that potash mining now represents a capital investment of \$80 million and provides employment for 4,000 persons having a monthly payroll of \$1.5 million. About 3 million tons of finished product is turned out annually. The soundfilm explained the formation of potash deposits, how the mineral is mined (using a number of units developed for coal mining, such as loading machines and shuttle cars) and how the industry contributes to the community life of Carlsbad.

"Chain-link idler is one of the more important features of the rope-belt conveyor because it permits greater flexibility."

The past decade shows a continuing trend toward concentration followed by the development of continuous mining, making it necessary that some form of extensible transportation be provided. Louis S. Ahlen, district manager, Goodman Mfg. Co., Terre Haute, Ind., said in leading into a description of the Goodman Ropex conveyor. Development of the unit began at an Illinois mine, where an experimental model was built and improved throughout 1955. The production model now in use consists essentially of two parallel wire ropes supported on pipe stands. The chain-link idler assemblies are suspended from the ropes to carry the loaded run of the belt. The pipe stands also provide straight return rollers for the bottom run of the belt.

In making the unit extensible, the parallel ropes suspended between a head-end drive unit and a self-propelled tail

assembly which follows the mining machine. The ropes are wound on drums on the tail assembly to be paid out as the tail unit follows the advance of the face. Nothing in the design of the conveyor is rigid. Therefore, there is little impact on the structure.

When used in a permanent Ropex installation, the conveyor can be extended at a rate of about 150 ft in 6 man-hr, against a similar extension in 30 man-hr for a conventional conveyor, Mr. Ahlen said. Similar labor savings are possible in removing the conveyor. Other advantages include (1) less space required underground for storage of conveyor supplies and (2) the substantial reduction in impact permits the use of lighter belting.

"Surplus steel landing mat, bolted to the high ribs, provides more bearing area in cleaning a heavy cave in the Sunnyside No. 3 slope."

M. D. Ross, mine foreman, Sunnyside No. 3 mine, Kaiser Steel Corp., Sunnyside, Utah, described the rehabilitation of a heavily-caved slope, where to date 500 ft has been cleaned up including 300 ft through an extremely bad area. The cleanup procedure involved three steps, as follows:

1. Work over the top of the caved material to provide clearance for bolting the roof without staging.

2. Make another pass through the area, taking from 10 to 15 ft of the fallen material and loading it out.

3. Making a third pass to remove enough fallen material to bring the slope to the required grade.

In the first step, the roof was bolted with 1-in by 10-ft bolts, installed on centers often not more than 1 ft apart. When the cleanup had been completed and the slope brought to grade, the construction of a concrete lining was undertaken. Footings 3 ft wide were poured along both sides and 1-ft-thick walls and roof were built up using heavy reinforcing rod throughout. Ready-mixed concrete at a rate of 1.6 cu yd per ft of tunnel was used to build the tunnel.

Final step in the projects consists of backfilling over the concrete liner to provide additional support to the high ribs and the roof. The project is one phase of Kaiser's program for bringing Sunnyside No. 3 back into production. A prior phase had been the removal of 2.5 billion gal of water from the workings.

"In other continuous-process industries, such as electrical manufacturing, steel, textiles and paper, experience shows that the difference between profit and loss is governed by effective maintenance, as reflected by the frequency of unscheduled breakdowns."

Discussing the matter of "productive maintenance," R. T. Blakley, sales engineer, General Electric Co., Salt Lake City, Utah, pointed out that the true cost of downtime, direct and indirect, should be the major factor in setting up a maintenance budget. Downtime cost should include the value of lost production, idle time of the producers involved and fixed overhead costs in addition to the direct material and labor costs for repairs. Conservative estimates of total cost in mining

runs as high as \$250 per hour of downtime, Mr. Blakley said.

If the coal industry simply follows the trend of American industry, maintenance expense is expected to double in the next 10 yr, as a result of increased mechanization. Naturally, maintenance expense will represent more of total mine cost, thus directly affecting profits. However, effective maintenance is not merely a matter of increasing the maintenance budget, since in a program that is too elaborate the expense may exceed the savings.

Five steps in setting up a productive maintenance program were listed by Mr. Blakley, as follows:

1. Gather complete equipment data. Many do not know what they have in equipment nor where it is.

2. Evaluate for routine maintenance. Determine the relative importance of each machine and base your routine upkeep on this factor.

3. Establish a routine operating system. Keep records of parts numbers and stock levels, keep a running check on frequency of inspection and servicing and record all repairs that have been made on any machine.

4. Evaluate for critical maintenance. If failure of the machine will stop production, if it represents high capital investment and if failure will endanger the health or safety of employees, the unit should be considered a critical one and should receive the best possible maintenance.

5. Establish a critical maintenance program. The extent of an overhaul program must be based upon cold economics. Sometimes it may be better to operate to the point of failure, but not in the case of critical machines.

Presiding at the final session on Wednesday was R. M. von Storch, general superintendent, coal mines and quarries, Columbia-Geneva Steel Div., United States Steel Corp., Dragerton, Utah.

"Operators should closely read the citations of Federal inspectors. If there is any disagreement, an appeal should be made to the safety board of review to contribute to a record of good precedents."

This advice was offered by Charles Ferguson, director, Safety Div., United Mine Workers of America, Washington, D. C., in his review of the safety program of UMWA and the union's plans for future participation in safety activities. Setting the theme of his remarks, Mr. Ferguson declared that safety interest within UMWA is not something that occurred only within the past few years. Recognition of the need for increased safety appears in the preamble to the union's constitution. Achieving these ends has been a struggle, but a change in the thinking of operators resulted in 1941 in the establishment of safety committees as a contract provision, Mr. Ferguson said.

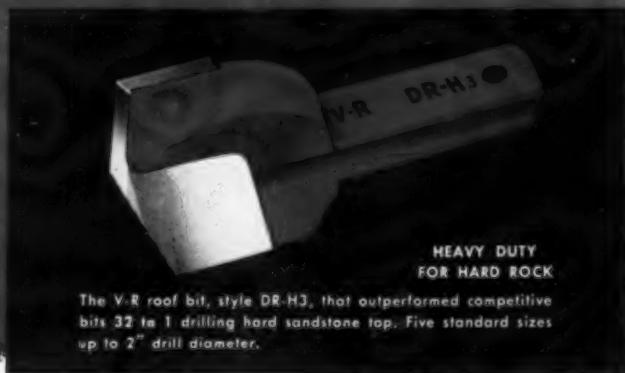
Adoption of the Federal Mine Safety Code in 1946 was another milestone, since it was at this time that copies of Federal inspectors' reports were directed to union safety officials for their review and comment.

Turning to the operations of the UMWA safety division, Mr. Ferguson related that his office is in contact with



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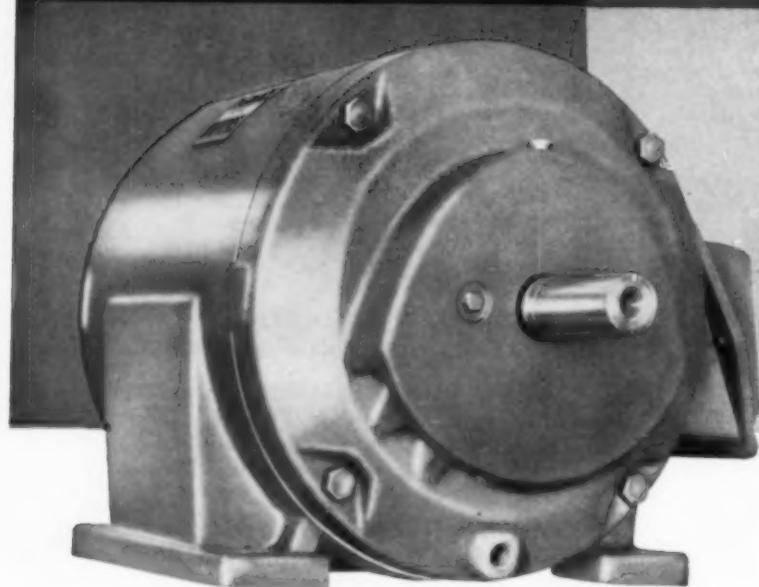
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some 8,000 mines in the Nation, including the largest operations and those employing only a few men. There is no attempt to be nasty in corresponding on safety matters with the operators, Mr. Ferguson said.

Since about 85% of mine accidents are preventable, the union is vitally interested in promoting effective educational programs for mine workers. Late reports show that 142,000 men have participated in the accident-prevention training offered by the Bureau of Mines, with 250 locals and one entire district showing 100% completion. Accidents have been substantially reduced, and follow-up training now is being planned. Recalling Mr. Westfield's remarks to the institute on the need for trained fire fighters, Mr. Ferguson agreed that this might offer an opportunity for further training.

In matters of legislation, the union will continue to press for more favorable safety laws, and it is hoped this can be done cooperatively. As a case in point, Mr. Ferguson told of experience in the State of Indiana, where a new state mining law was offered to the legislature as an "agreed" bill, which had been written with legal advice by representatives of the union, the state and the operators.

Suggestions for improving the safety spirit of the men include (1) give formal recognition to the men at the face for outstanding safety records, (2) invite men to speak at Safety Day rallies, which has been successfully done in Virginia and (3) advise employees beforehand of coming technological changes, especially where matters of safety are involved, Mr. Ferguson advised.

Speaking as an operator, Chairman von Storch agreed that the record is not satisfactory, but improvement is evident and this has come about through cooperative effort.

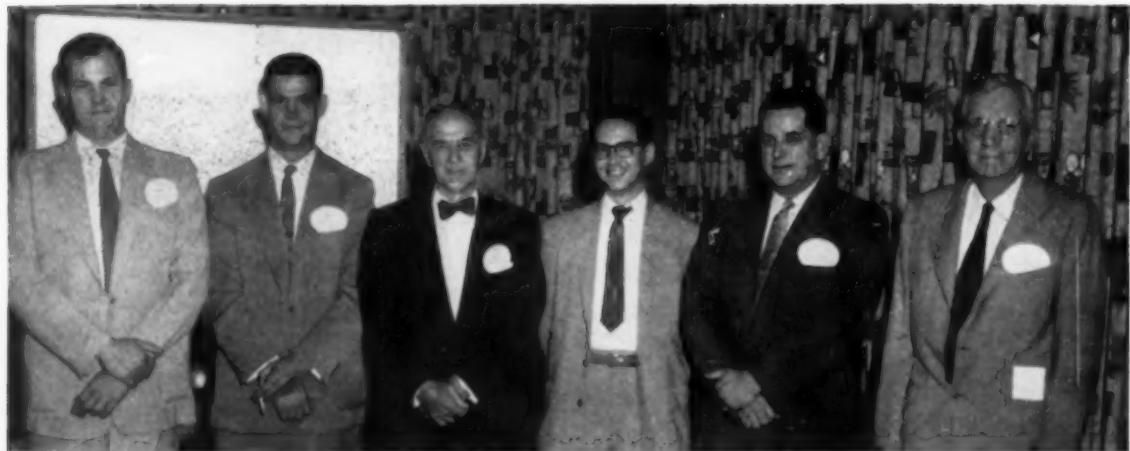
"We're limiting our mine to a size that can be served by a 300-kw rectifier."

In a humor-filled description of operations at his company's mine, E. S. O'Connor, president, Book Cliffs Coal Co., Salt Lake City, related that the mine was opened in 1950 in 320 acres of the Lower Sunnyside seam to produce about 70,000 tons per yr. The seam is from 12 to 14 ft thick, but only the cleaner coal above a binder 1½ ft from the floor is mined. Two mechanical units are equipped with 11-BU loading machines and 10-SC shuttle cars as major units.

The single main entry is 3,000 ft long, this development work being completed before room work began. Rooms now are worked up to 10% pitch from the entry to bring the panel back, thus leaving troubles behind, Mr. O'Connor said.

The mine is dry, good ventilation is relatively easy to get and the lack of "brass" helps keep costs down, Mr. O'Connor said with a smile.

The program closed with a color sound-film of the operations and facilities of the Kaiser Steel Co., which was prepared by the company for use as a report to employees. Tom McCourt, superintendent, Mines No. 1 and No. 3, Kaiser Steel, Sunnyside, Utah, presented the film.



FRIDAY MORNING—Charles Howard (left), the Trulite Corp.; Elza Burch, Island Creek Coal Co.; E. C. Carris, consultant; L. E. Gillenwater, State Water Commission; H. M. Tibbs, Truax-Traer Coal Co.; H. A. Jones, Carbon Fuel Co.

West Virginia Institute Holds

Preparation, safety and production problems canvassed at Huntington sessions

PREPARATION PROBLEMS, safety, roof control, underground power, and belt conveyors were major topics at the spring meeting of the West Virginia Coal Mining

Institute, Huntington, W. Va., June 22 and 23. H. A. Jones, general superintendent, Carbon Fuel Co., Carbon, W. Va., presided at the Friday luncheon. J. W.

Woomer, J. W. Woomer Associates, Pittsburgh, Pa. was guest speaker. Harry G. Kennedy, secretary, Kanawha Coal Operators Association, Charleston, W. Va., was toastmaster at the dinner. Guest speakers were Cecil Underwood, Republican nominee, and Robert Mollohan, Democratic nominee for governor of West Virginia.

Speakers and their subjects at the Friday morning session were: L. E. Gillenwater, assistant executive secretary, State Water Commission, Charleston, W. Va., on stream clarification progress in West Virginia; E. C. Carris, consultant, Charleston, W. Va., and Elza Burch, assistant director of preparation, Island Creek Coal Co., Holden, W. Va., on modern methods of solids recovery from cleaning plant effluent; and Charles Howard, president, The Trulite Corp., Ceredo, W. Va., on sintering refuse for lightweight aggregate. H. M. Tibbs, manager, Truax-Traer Coal Co., Kayford, W. Va., presided at the session.

STREAM CLARIFICATION

Silt carried by West Virginia streams comes from soil erosion and industrial wastes, Mr. Gillenwater remarked, in reporting on stream clarification progress in West Virginia. Silt loads resulting from soil erosion are usually heavier during periods of heavy rainfall, and a stream with this type of silt can be expected to clear in a few days. But a stream receiving uncontrolled coal washery waste can never



FRIDAY AFTERNOON—C. B. Peck Jr., Anaconda Wire & Cable Co.; C. T. Holland, Virginia Polytechnic Institute; R. G. Lazzell, Island Creek Coal Co.; Julius Olzer, West Virginia Department of Mines; and Harry Gandy Jr., National Coal Association.



SATURDAY MORNING—G. Fitzgerald, USGS; W. A. Hanson, Joy Mfg. Co.; E. W. Potter, Royalty Smokeless Coal Co.; and F. R. Morrow, Kaiser Aluminum.

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be expected to clear itself. Therefore, steps must be taken to prevent the discharge of these wastes into the stream.

Coal-washer waste does not constitute a public health hazard, Mr. Gillenwater continued. Objection arises from the discharge of black suspended particles which may be carried far and deposited in pools. These are flushed out during periods of high water and leave unsightly, damaging deposits along the shore.

In areas where coal mining is the predominant industry, the Water Commission feels that the clarification of washer wastes is the key to over-all pollution abatement, Mr. Gillenwater explained. It has been demonstrated that once the coal companies begin work on waste disposal systems, the residents take interest in preventing the dumping of trash and garbage into the streams, and the towns take a more active interest in sewage disposal.

The Water Commission has set no effluent standards, Mr. Gillenwater declared. The only water quality objective established has been to call for substantially complete renewal of settleable solids and not less than 45% removal of suspended solids. Since the program is co-operative, no rigid policies have been set regarding how pollution abatement is to be accomplished.

In summing up the progress in pollution abatement since 1953, Mr. Gillenwater said that there were 201 preparation plants operating on July 1, 1953. Adequate waste control facilities were installed in 21 plants; 26 had inadequate facilities; 4 had adequate systems under construction; 5 were in the planning stage; 22 had no waste-control equipment; and the needs of 116 were undetermined. As of June 19, 1956, with 201

plants in operation, 65 had adequate control facilities; 9 had no control equipment; the needs of 13 were unknown; 19 had control facilities under construction; 52 had plans for control; and 43 had no facilities.

SOLIDS RECOVERY

In describing modern methods of solids recovery from cleaning-plant effluent, Mr. Burch used Island Creek Coal Co.'s Bradshaw No. 6 plant as an example. His discussion was essentially the same as that given by Matthew Turkovich, director of preparation, Island Creek Coal Co., at the Mining Congress in Cincinnati and reported in *Coal Age*, June, p 160.

With the aid of slides, Mr. Burch explained that the system at Bradshaw No. 6 includes mechanical dewatering, two-stage cyclones, vacuum filtering, heat drying and recirculation of water.

In brief, the coal is processed as follows: raw 3/8x0 is delivered to the fine-coal plant at the rate of 130 tph. It is wetted with overflow from the cyclones before delivery to Heyl & Patterson distributors feeding two sets of wet tables, each made up of six Deister No. 7 tables. Clean coal passes to a sump and is pumped to a double-deck Robins Elliptex screen that dewatering and separates the coal into 3/8x1/4, 1/4x28M and 28Mx0 fractions.

The 3/8x1/4 flows to a 10-ton surge bin before passing to two Flash dryers. The 1/4x28M, containing 25% moisture, is delivered to two Reineveld centrifugal dryers that reduce the moisture content to 6% to 7%. It then is carried to the 10-ton bin feeding the heat dryers. Effluent is recirculated.

Underflow from the dewatering screens

flows to a battery of Heyl & Patterson 14-in cyclones. Underflow from the cyclones passes to an 8-disk Eimco vacuum filter. The filter cake also is sent to the Flash dryer for final dewatering. Cyclone overflow is used to wet the raw 3/8x0 before it is fed to the Deister tables. An average of 25 tph is recovered by the vacuum filter, Mr. Burch said.

Table refuse passes to a refuse drag conveyor where the minus 1/2-mm material is removed and delivered to a battery of cyclones. Cone overflow, containing 1% solids, is pumped to a 1/4-acre settling pond. Underflow is carried to refuse.

To illustrate the trend in solids recovery, particularly in narrow valleys, Mr. Carris used a series of slides showing various equipment combinations that can be used successfully. He said the trend seems to be definitely toward cyclones.

Another worthwhile method is application of a heavy duty horizontal vibrating screen capable of holding a thick bed of material, Mr. Carris added. With this unit, a cake builds up on the screen and acts something like a mechanical filter. The method is satisfactory for 3/4-0 coal and works like this: coarse coal is pumped to the back portion of the screen and permitted to build up into a bed; then underflow from the screen is pumped to cyclones. Cyclone underflow next is delivered to a feed box over the vibrator and spread gently over the built-up bed. About 75 to 80% of the fines are recovered by this method. It also is possible to use two-stage cyclones with this method.

Oil flotation is going to get into the fine-coal recovery field, Mr. Carris observed. The reasons it has not been used in the past is because of the high cost and "temperamental" operation. A turnkey job in oil flotation runs \$6,000 per ton-hour of dried coal recovered. The process not only cleans fine coal but also leaves a milky tailing that can be handled.

SINTERING REFUSE FOR AGGREGATE

There were only 10 lightweight aggregate plants operating in 1945, but by 1955 the number had grown to 84, Mr. Howard said, in opening his talk on sintering washing plant refuse for lightweight aggregate. The industry grew rapidly after the war when the sources of cinders for block manufacture were dried up and companies were forced to turn to a lightweight aggregate.

The Truax-Traer Coal Co. became interested in the manufacture of lightweight aggregate as a method of solving the refuse disposal problem at the Ceredo plant. Approaches to solving the problem included possible rewashing of the refuse; fusing into slag; and manufacturing lightweight aggregate. The first two possibilities were rejected and research effort was concentrated on developing a satisfactory method of making lightweight aggregate, Mr. Howard said.

After research in various methods of making the lightweight aggregate, Mr. Howard said the company decided to try burning it on a traveling-grate stoker. A cooperative research program was carried out with the USBM and in 1955 the plant

went into operation under the new plan.

Employing 6 men, the plant operates 7 days per week and 3 shifts per day while producing 3 tons of aggregate per hour. The success of the initial operation prompted the company to plan expansion of the plant to 12 tph of capacity.

The process is not a universal cure-all for the refuse problem, Mr. Brown warned. To make a satisfactory light-weight aggregate, there must be a definite relation between the quantity of combustible material in the refuse and the fusing temperature of the material. A description of the process appeared in (*Coal Age*, November, 1955, p 78)

Speakers and their subjects at the Friday afternoon session were Harry Gandy Jr., director, Department of Safety, National Coal Association, Washington, D. C., on roof-fall accidents; C. T. Holland, head, Department of Mining Engineering, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va., on permanent support of overburden on coal beds; and C. B. Peck Jr., manager, industrial sales, Anaconda Wire & Cable Co., New York, N. Y., on trends in underground power. Co-chairmen of the session were R. G. Lazzell, development and research engineer, Island Creek Coal Co., Huntington, W. Va., and Julius Olzer, chief, West Virginia Department of Mines, Charleston, W. Va.

ROOF-FALL ACCIDENTS

It is a direct moral and legal obligation of management to participate in all phases of safety, at least to the same degree that top management participates in the direction of production. Aside from the humane standpoint, the cost of machines, transportation, labor, materials, etc., are all a part of the over-all cost of coal. Based on such figures as are available, varying between 15 and 35¢ per ton, accident costs should be given the same consideration, since the saving of money through accident-prevention has the same direct economic effect as an increase in production efficiency, Mr. Gandy remarked.

The U. S. Bureau of Mines and the West Virginia Department of Mines have recently moved forward with the organization of a proposed roof-control program for the State of West Virginia, Mr. Gandy said. The projected program has in Southern West Virginia been taken to top management through at least eight local coal associations and, in the very near future, will be explained to representatives of management and labor in the northern part of the state. The safety division of the International Union and the three-districts in West Virginia are co-operating fully and, after full discussion and study of initial proposals, it is planned to have a state-wide meeting attended by management representatives from each of the operators' associations, International and district union representatives, the combined safety directors, and state and Federal officials for putting into effect the detailed program as agreed upon.

After explaining the program, Mr. Gandy said that any campaign of the size contemplated must move forward

step by step. Each of the ideas, if carried out in a practical manner, can go a long way toward beneficial end results. Possibly some of the plans are impractical in some places, and it is entirely possible that the burden of complete promotion would detract from the results that might be obtained by using a few of the ideas. Nevertheless, everyone should give his full co-operation and support.

On the question of safety discipline, Mr. Gandy said that as a result of a number of co-operative meetings, plans are moving forward to bring into being some method of stopping individual safety violations. Representatives of companies and the union realize the necessity for the proper administration of such disciplinary rules for, if carried forward as they should be, they would be a marked deterrent to accidents and give protection to all underground employees.

Management's responsibility to provide a safe place to work requires more than simply physical or material accident prevention practices. There must be generated and steadily maintained what one might call "safety climate."

This need for a good safety climate cannot be over-emphasized, Mr. Gandy declared. Where it does not exist it is apparent that top management or the employees are either indifferent to safety or merely paying lip service to accident prevention.

To build a proper safety climate, Mr. Gandy explained, management must have the full co-operation of the union and the individual worker. Each must hold up his end of the triangle. There can be no blockage of communications, no attitude of "let the other fellow do it," no abrogation of the mutual responsibility for safety. Management cannot afford it because of its legal and moral obligations to its employees and because of its heavy investment in trained manpower and in equipment. The union cannot afford it because it is obliged to promote the welfare of union members. The individual worker cannot afford it because his good right arm, and possibly his life, are at stake.

SUPPORTING OVERTBURDEN

The problem of permanent support of overburden on coal beds has not been solved, but progress has been made, Prof. Holland said. In many instances, valuable buildings, roads and towns must be supported. In the past, it has been the usual procedure to try what somebody else did in a similar situation. Such a solution may or may not work.

There are two ways to support overburden, by backfilling and by leaving sufficient coal. Since there usually is some subsidence where backfilling is used, the only way to support the overburden is by leaving enough coal, Prof. Holland emphasized.

The strength of a pillar varies as the square root of the width and inversely as the thickness of the bed. To date there has been no relationship established between the strength of a laboratory specimen used to measure physical properties and that of an actual pillar, Prof. Holland explained.

In general, it has been found that the strength of a pillar is equal to a coefficient divided by the square root of the volume. By mathematical approximation, the formula can be used as follows for finding the unit strength of a pillar: unit strength, in psi, equals the coefficient of the bed multiplied by the square root of the width of pillar in inches, divided by the thickness of the pillar in inches.

The strength of the bottom rock is an important factor in supporting the overburden, Prof. Holland said. In many cases, the bearing values used by civil engineers are too low. Bearing strength depends on the internal angle of friction.

With the aid of mine maps and tabular data, Prof. Holland cited many examples of how the overburden was supported in various areas. Much of the data verified the conclusions learned from laboratory study. However, Prof. Holland said there is need for more research, particularly in gathering data from active mines that are supporting the overburden. If sufficient information of this type is made available, enough data can be assembled to determine definitely how much support should be left.

UNDERGROUND POWER

Each step in increased mechanization has brought about an increase in the quantity of electrical energy used in mines and more electrical problems, Mr. Peck declared in opening his discussion of trends in underground power. Power consumption in mines is up 75% since the end of the war and the problem of transmitting power economically has increased with increased mechanization.

A continuous miner often uses as much power as a complete section in an old mine. Thus higher voltages are needed to deliver the greater quantities of power. Higher voltages make it possible for equipment to be lighter, more mobile and lower in cost, Mr. Peck remarked. New mines should consider using 440 v AC because equipment is becoming larger and trailing cables also are becoming heavier—as much as 4 lb per foot. However, with AC power, voltage regulations are much more vital.

Higher voltages for primary power also are becoming more popular, Mr. Peck noted. Some mines have used 15,000 v on the primary side, but this is not recommended unless it is necessary to transmit power over a long distance. Splicing, handling and terminating problems arise with 15,000-v power and workmanship must be good.

When figuring power cable for a new job, the copper size should not be figured too close, Mr. Peck warned. It is almost a certainty that conditions will change and the load increased.

On the subject of copper vs aluminum conductors, Mr. Peck said that in portable cables aluminum does not have much application because it lacks fatigue values to resist the bending that takes place in a trailing cable. Aluminum is best suited for power transmission, but some advantage is lost because of the cost of additional rubber needed to cover the larger conductor. Splicing is a problem and the elasticity of aluminum is not as good as copper. Pressure-type connections also

are needed to prevent oxidation at junctions. It is possible to buy 3 ft of equivalent aluminum conductor for the price of 1 ft of copper and in spite of the many disadvantages cited, the savings are about two to one for installed conductors.

Speakers and their subjects at the Saturday morning session were Ford R. Morrow, public relations manager, Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Co., Ravenswood, W. Va., on more power to aluminum; Gerald Fitzgerald, chief topographic engineer, USGS, Washington, D. C. on Federal-State co-operative mapping in West Virginia; and W. A. Hanson, assistant product manager, Joy Mfg. Co., on belt conveyors—key to high production. E. W. Potter, manager, Royalty Smokeless Coal Co., Landisburg, W. Va. presided.

POWER FOR ALUMINUM

The major reasons for aluminum's turn to coal lie in the increasing demand for aluminum, the increased efficiency in coal mining and in coal-based steam generating plants and the dwindling or uncertain availability of other resources for generation of electrical power—a commodity so essential to aluminum production that it is often referred to as one of the raw materials, Mr. Morrow declared.

The new look in coal resulted very largely from the aluminum industry's search for large quantities of low cost power to meet the spiraling demand for this modern metal.

By 1952 it was obvious that hydroelectric power in the United States could no longer be depended upon for the growth requirements of aluminum. Natural gas in the Gulf states was available and the major companies quickly took advantage of the opportunities for firm power and reduced transportation costs to build in Texas, Louisiana and other Gulf states. But, while gas helped fill the gap between 1952 and 1955, it could not be depended upon for the long range plans of the industry. The price of gas shows signs of increase at rates which may not be expected to keep it competitive with coal, Mr. Morrow noted.

To gird itself for the almost unlimited horizons in the market for aluminum, the industry has been forced to conclude that if there is to be expansion there is only one way to turn . . . to coal. Fortunately, coal-based electrical power is ready for the challenge! Mr. Morrow said he believed the coal industry itself is ready.

The location of aluminum reduction plants in the Ohio River Valley provides three major advantages to the industry which are more than enough to offset the lower cost of hydro in other areas, Mr. Morrow explained. First, low cost water transportation is available for the shipment of raw materials and products. Secondly, the Ohio River area is closer to the major markets for aluminum. The Kaiser Aluminum plant in Ravenswood is located within a 500-mile radius of over 70% of the aluminum market. Finally, the favorable price of coal-based electric power with known long-range reserves of coal offer a stability for aluminum production which is not possible either with hydro or natural gas.

Mr. D. A. Rhoades, general manager Kaiser Aluminum has summed it up this way, "The real significance of this combination lies in the fact that the aluminum industry is no longer necessarily dependent upon locations close to large hydro-electric installations which are remote from industrial markets. We are convinced that this development will greatly influence and benefit the domestic aluminum production pattern of the future. We believe it is the turning point for the rapidly expanding aluminum industry."

The real significance of this story of the American aluminum industry's move from hydro to gas to coal is that it no longer must think in terms of plant locations at sites near power sources but remote from market and raw material, Mr. Morrow said. It means that those who in recent years have prophesied that the only future for aluminum rested in the remote Northern areas of Canada, or in faraway foreign lands, were wrong.

TOPOGRAPHIC MAPPING

Although West Virginia was one of the first states to be completely covered by 15-min maps, economic development brought about the need for more detailed and larger maps, Mr. Fitzgerald said. In 1954 some 7½-min maps were started to provide up-to-date maps for the larger, industrial areas. Early in 1958 the state and federal governments appropriated funds for the beginning of a co-operative mapping project that will result in maps having a larger scale, more accuracy and more detail.

The various steps necessary in producing the maps include aerial photography, establishing basic and supplementary control, stereoscopic mapping, field completion of small details, preparation of a copy for reproduction and printing. Each of the operations is completed separately, Mr. Fitzgerald explained, and it takes 3 yr to go through the various steps. The basic accuracy of the maps will be such that with only a few changes they will be useful for many years to come.

BELT CONVEYORS

The entire concept of the use of belt conveyors has changed radically within the last 3 yr, Mr. Hanson said. A belt conveyor formerly consisted of a series of heavy steel intermediate sections with heavy rolls and rigid pans. These conveyors required considerable time and care to be set up. Their use was therefore restricted to semi-permanent installations or in places where quick moves were not essential. Mining plans were based on the use of a great many units to provide the total production, requiring large numbers of conveyors. This frequently led to the decision to employ rail haulage, because of the high first cost of the conveying equipment.

Lately, however, we have seen the increased use of a wide variety of new developments in the conveyor field: rope belts, shuttle belts, self-powered interlocking portables, extensible belts and units employing flexible idlers mounted on a minimum structure. When these

units are combined with high capacity mining machinery they offer so many advantages that they change the entire picture, Mr. Hanson added. In most cases these new units are cheaper than comparable conventional equipment because they employ less structure and use fewer idlers. Since these units are simpler they require far less time to put in operation, thus reducing labor charges and at the same time providing more time for mining operations. Maintenance costs are reduced because there are fewer items and changing worn out equipment takes less time. Mobility also has an effect on cost because the units can be easily moved from place to place.

Continuous haulage has had a pronounced effect upon cost per ton. A recently compiled report shows a decided advantage to be gained from the use of continuous haulage. A comparison was made between shuttle-car and extensible-belt haulage in the same mine. Both systems used the same type of miner and both had approximately the same amount of breakdown time. For shuttle cars the average tons per shift over 40 shifts was 403.9 tons, or 50.5 tons per man shift. During the same period the extensible belt averaged 535.9 tons per shift over 42 shifts, or 76.6 tons per man per shift.

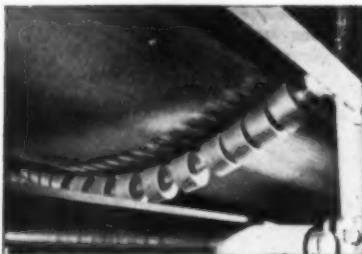
Long rooms are particularly attractive, wherever they are possible, because they reduce development costs, require fewer panel entries and consequently fewer moves. Development work can be speeded up considerably by shortening shuttle car haul or by reducing the number of cars. It is also possible to make combinations of mobile-conveyor sections with self-propelled drives and tails to improve set-up costs and reduce down time due to moves.

In low coal these new units can provide the lowest height section now available. This makes it possible to haul men and materials and still provide proper roof clearances.

On the matter of cost, Mr. Hanson said the new units permit the use of lighter belts. There is an increasing tendency to reduce the cover thickness, and the day must come when little or no covers will be employed. There is already a marked tendency to reduce the duck size. A few years ago, it was considered essential to have 4-ply 42-oz duck on 30-in belts. Today, using synthetic ducks, 32-oz equivalent is working well and there are many places where 3 plies of 32-oz duck are handling run of mine coal on 30-in belts.

Paralleling new developments in conveyor practice is a program of safety. Mr. Hanson said that the increased use of fire-resistant belt will virtually eliminate the possibility of mine fires due to conveyors. Most conveyors are now being equipped with protective devices such as belt slippage switches, which prevent the drive pulleys from turning without moving the belt.

Sequence switches reduce the possibility of discharging coal to an outby conveyor which has been stopped. Pull cord switches and other devices for stopping conveyors along the intermediate run are becoming commonplace.



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Personal Notes

James W. McDevitt, preparation manager of Ayrshire Collieries Corp., Indianapolis, Ind., has retired. He served the corporation for 28 yr and was in charge of all Ayrshire preparation plants, the design of which he initiated.

Charles D. Bowling, former West Virginia University mining instructor, has been appointed mine safety supervisor, Operating Dept., Harewood Mine, W. Va., by the Semet-Solvay Div., Allied Chemical & Dye Corp. Mr. Bowling will coordinate the mine's accident prevention program, placing emphasis on supervisory training.

In another Semet-Solvay appointment **James L. Shumate**, a 1956 graduate of the School of Mines, West Virginia University, was appointed an engineering trainee, Industrial Engineering Dept., Tralee Mine, W. Va. Mr. Shumate was the first to win Semet-Solvay's scholarship to the School of Mines (1952-53).

G. J. Sollings, Mallory, W. Va., has asked to be relieved of his post of vice president, Princess Elkhorn Coal Co. and the Powellton Coal Co. The disclosure was made by **James D. Francis**, board chairman, who also announced these ex-

ecutive changes: **David L. Francis** has been elected president of the Powellton Coal Co. and **William Crawford** has been elected vice president in charge of operations of Princess Elkhorn and Powellton.



George J. Clark

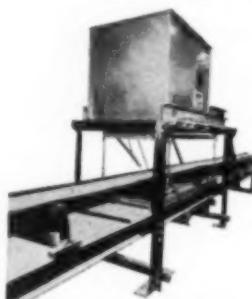
George J. Clark, Pottsville, Pa., has been elected president of Philadelphia & Reading's wholly-owned subsidiary, the Reading Anthracite Co. Mr. Clark will assume the post early in September, succeeding **Edward G. Fox** who will continue as a director of the parent corporation. Mr. Clark, onetime president of P&R's Shen-Penn Production Co., became P&R's general manager in 1951. In 1954 he was elected vice president.

James J. Merle, former preparation engineer and chemist for Island Creek Coal Co., has been named preparation manager of Ayrshire Collieries Corp., Indianapolis, Ind. He succeeds **James W. McDevitt**. Mr. Merle was with Island Creek from 1934 to 1940, joined Ayrshire Collieries in 1940.

Paul Boland, Oak Hill, W. Va., has been appointed district inspector of the New River Div., W. Va. State Department of Mines. Mr. Boland, who was employed as foreman for the New River Co. (Summerlee and Oakwood mines), succeeds **W. L. Kidwell**, retired.

Dr. Robert L. Savage, former assistant supervisor of chemical engineering research at Battelle Memorial Institute, Columbus, Ohio, has been elected vice president in charge of research for the North American Coal Corp.

Five promotions and appointments have been announced by the Gary District mines, U. S. Steel: **H. E. Ketter**, mechanical engineer has been promoted to district mechanical engineer; **Paul E. Wattson**, industrial engineer at Lynch, has been transferred to No. 32 mine in



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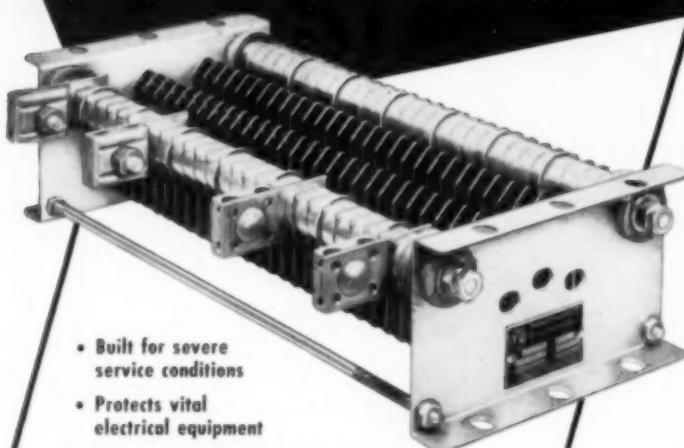
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been promoted to senior project engineer; Charles Yurick, shift foreman at Corbin Washer, Lynch, Ky., has been transferred as preparation engineer to the Alpheus coal cleaning plant, Gary; William C. Banner, senior draftsman has been promoted to mechanical engineer.

J. M. Cook has resigned his post as a member of the W. Va. State Dept. of Mines Safety Commission and joined the Lillybrook Coal Co. as chief electrician of the company's Affinity Slope mine, W. Va. Mr. Cook succeeds Earl Waters, who has been transferred to Lillybrook No. 3.

Courtland T. Dahlin has resigned as general superintendent of mines, Lillybrook Coal Co. and Amigo Smokeless Coal Co. He is succeeded by Arthur J. Pugh, former division superintendent for Lillybrook. Mr. Dahlin resigned his post at Lillybrook to become general superintendent at Princess Elkhorn Coal Co., David, Ky.

Obituaries

Ford Edward Kittle, 50, of Buckhannon, W. Va., and superintendent of the S. M. Miller Coal Co. mine at Turkey Run, was killed July 5 in a mine accident.

Clayton C. Dovey, Sr., founder and chairman of the board of Cambria Fuel Co., Johnstown, Pa., died June 30. He was 76. Mr. Dovey worked in civil and mining engineering and mine management until he organized the Cambria company in 1920.

Association Activities

Wilfred S. Webster, executive vice president and general manager of Walter Bledsoe & Co., Terre Haute, Ind., was elected president of the American Coal Sales Association June 30 at the association's annual convention in White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. He succeeds S. L. Jewell, Southern Coal Co., Inc., Chicago, Ill. Other officers: vice presidents, H. P. Junod, Pickands Mather & Co.; C. R. Mabley, Jr., Island Creek Coal Sales Co.; and J. R. Maust, Maust Coal & Coke Corp. D. H. Swanson, Sunnyhill Coal Sales Co., was elected secretary-treasurer.

R. S. James, U. S. Bureau of Mines, Pittsburgh, Pa., has been elected president of the Central Advisory Council of the Mining Electro-Mechanical Maintenance Association. Mr. James was elected during the association's annual election June 15, 1956 in Pittsburgh, Pa. Vice presidents are M. J. Mechling, Valley Camp Coal Co., St. Clairsville, Ohio; J. H. Flemming, Joy Mfg. Co., Franklin, Pa.; and C. S. Conrad, Consolidation Coal Co., Monongah, W. Va. A. E. Molinski, supervisor of maintenance, Johnstown Div., Bethlehem Mines Corp., Johnstown, Pa., was reelected secretary-treasurer.



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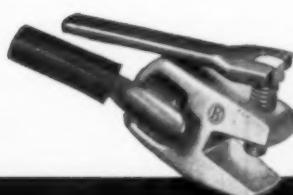
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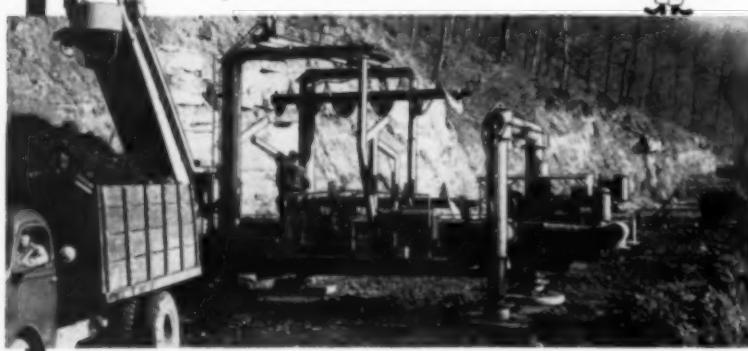
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Gary L. Draper, Hiawatha, Utah, has been named the recipient of the 1956 United States Fuel Co. (Salt Lake City) scholarship.

Former pupils of Lucien Denoel, a lecturer on coal mining at the University of Liege, Belgium, have created the Lucien Denoel prize for the author of a



"ENGINEER OF THE YEAR" is the title bestowed on William H. Lesser, Scranton, Pa., by the Northeast Chapter of the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers. Teacher, designer and prize-winning technical writer, Mr. Lesser is currently a consulting mechanical engineer for the anthracite flood prevention project being conducted by the U. S. Bureau of Mines. For more than 20 yr he was associated with Pierce Management, Inc., Scranton, as mechanical and electrical engineer.

thesis dealing with coal mining ventilation, mine draining methods, the use of explosives in the mine and preparation. A prize of 60,000 Belgian francs (approximately \$1,200) will be awarded for the first time in 1957. The thesis must show a "truly scientific approach and considerable originality, and must not have been dealt with in a previous publication." The examining board will accept articles in triplicate written in French, Dutch, German and English, and not more than 10,000 words. Address: Jury du Prix Lucien DENOEL, c/o A.I. Lg., 22, rue Forger, Liege, Belgium. Entries must be received by July 1, 1957.

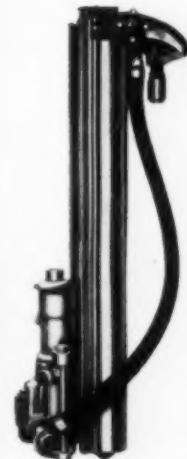
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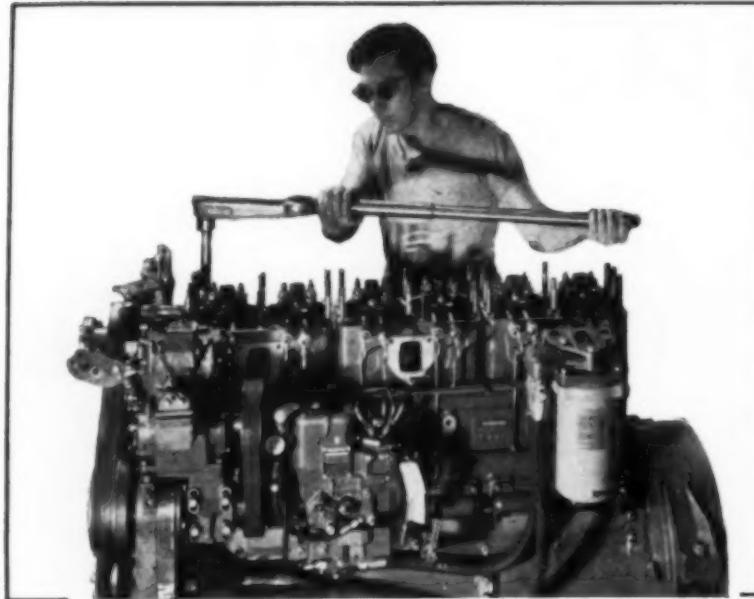


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A new market for coal is being developed in the processing of taconite for steel. Taconite output is expected to hit 40 million tons by 1980, a rate requiring 1.5 million tons of coal each year in the form of electricity.



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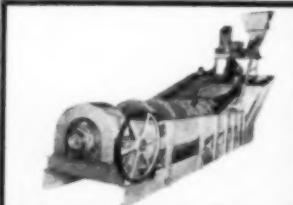
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Bituminous Coal Research is exploring the use of the electrostatic principle in cleaning fine coal sizes. BCR says it has begun the study with the cooperation of the Quaker Oats Co., which uses equipment incorporating the electrostatic principle to clean corn, wheat and mineral products. In operation, the equipment creates a high-voltage (20,000) field in which impurities pick up an electrostatic charge. This separates them from pure objects, i.e. coal, passing through. BCR says its first objective is to compare the method with conventional fine-coal cleaning—in particular, cost of equipment, cost of operation, and efficiency.

Glen Alden Corp., Wilkes-Barre, Pa., has begun construction of a \$1 million all-steel anthracite breaker near Hazleton, Pa. Francis O. Case, Glen Alden's president says the breaker is designed for an annual capacity of 250,000 tons.

Latest available statistics disclose that electric utility companies have used 10 million tons or more each month since October, 1954, a period of 18 months. Total consumption for the period was more than 218 million tons.

EQUIPMENT APPROVALS

Eight approvals of permissible equipment were issued by the U. S. Bureau of Mines during June.

Consolidation Coal Co.—Rebuilt Joy 11BU-11APE loader; two motors, one 50 hp, one 4 hp, 250 v, DC. Approval 2-1152, June 7.

Goodman Mfg. Co.—Type 584-10 shuttle car; three motors, two 15 hp, one 20 hp, 230 v, DC. Approval 2-1153, June 11.

Goodman Mfg. Co.—Type 584-11 shuttle car; three motors, two 15 hp, one 20 hp, 230 v, DC. Approval 2-1154, June 11.

Joy Mfg. Co.—Type 3JCM-5H continuous miner; seven motors, two 100 hp, one 10 hp, four 7 1/2 hp, 440 v, 3 phase, 60 cycles, AC. Approval 2-1155A, June 14.

Clarkson Mfg. Co.—Clarkson Marietta continuous miner; three motors, each 50 hp, 500 v, 3 phase, 50 cycles, AC. Approval 2-1157A, June 19.

Joy Mfg. Co.—Type 2BT-1F twin-bore miner; four motors, two 100 hp, two 15 hp, 500 v, DC. Approval 2-1065A, June 21. (Approval 2-1065 covering 250-v miners of this type was issued May 16, 1955.)

The Long Co.—Type PT115 piggy-back conveyor; one motor, 5 hp, 230 v, DC. Approval 2-1158, June 27.



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included. 30 pp. 5½x8½-in; paper. Caterpillar Tractor Co., Peoria, Ill.

Safety

Supervisors Safety Manual, written by staff engineers of the National Safety Council, provides a guide for foremen in all phases of industrial safety. It may be used for group training or as a reference work. 354 pp. \$3.25 for Council members, \$6.50 for non-members. National Safety Council, 425 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Safety Management, by R. H. Simonds and J. V. Grimaldi. A guide to effective safety management in industry. It is designed as a tool for safety directors and safety engineers and others concerned with safety, and relates safety to other aspects of management. 567 pp. \$7.80. Richard D. Irwin, Inc., 1818 Ridge Road, Homewood, Ill.

European Coal Industry

The Coal Industry in Europe is a study by The Organization for European Economic Co-operation covering the trend of the industry in 1955, the factors likely to affect demand in 1956 together with the outlook for future production. 61 pp. plus tables. \$1. OEEC Publications Office, 2000 P St., Washington 6, D. C.

NEMA Standards

Mining Belt Conveyors is an up-to-date edition of Bulletin MB 1-1954 and includes new standards and definitions set up by NEMA. It provides information on construction, rating and nomenclature of mining belt conveyors. Pub. No. MB1-1956. 34 pp. 8½x11½-in; paper. \$1.50. National Electrical Manufacturers Assoc., 155 E. 44th St., New York 17, N. Y.

Mining and Industrial Electric Locomotives is the latest edition on standards for mining and industrial electrical locomotives. Pub. No. MI 1-1956. 48 pp. 8½x11½-in; paper. \$1.50. National Electrical Manufacturers Assoc., 155 E. 44th St., New York 17, N. Y.

MEETINGS

Central Advisory Council, The Mining Electro-Mechanical Maintenance Association; 4th Annual Meeting, Oct. 6, Mountain View Hotel, Greensburg, Pa.

ASME-ASLE Lubrication Conference; Oct. 8-10, Chalfonte-Haddon Hall, Atlantic City, N. J.

Anthracite Conference; Oct. 18-19, College of Mineral Industries, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa.

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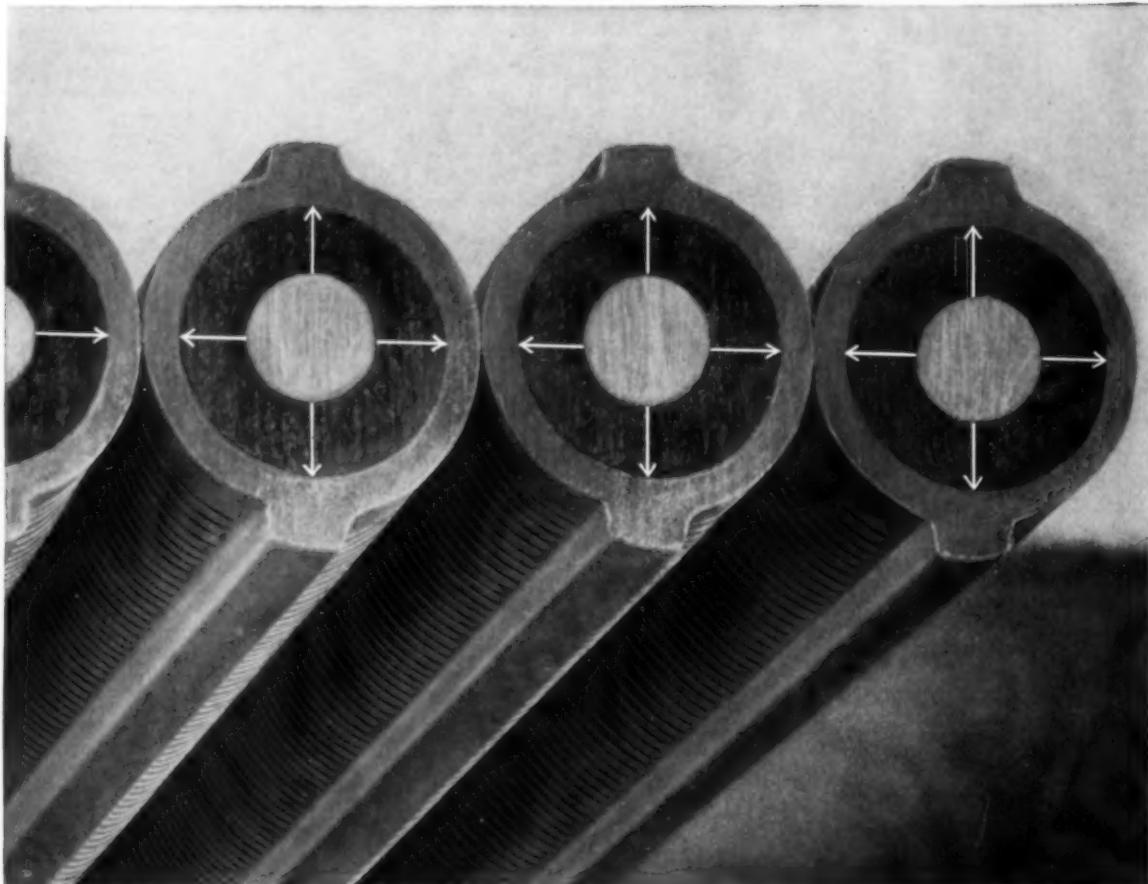
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Among the Manufacturers

Dorr-Oliver, Inc., Stamford, Conn., has announced a \$900,000 expansion program for its manufacturing plant in Hazleton, Pa. The company says the money will be used to enlarge fabricating facilities and thus enable Dorr-Oliver to produce its own structural parts, a job it has been sub-contracting to outside companies. Two new buildings totaling 30,000 sq ft will boost the Hazleton plant floor space to 125,000 sq ft. The new facilities are expected to be in operation by the end of 1957.

An expansion program that is expected to double engineering facilities is underway at the Wilmot Engineering Co., White Haven, Pa. The company disclosed that all plans have been drawn and that construction of plant additions is in progress. A new heavy plate shop is nearing completion. Wilmot also announces that it is establishing a sales organization which will give it direct representation in national and foreign markets.

Fuller Co., Catasauqua, Pa., has acquired all the assets of Lehigh Fan & Blower Co., Allentown, Pa. The transfer includes trade-marks, trade-names and the goodwill of Lehigh, which will operate as the Lehigh Fan & Blower Div., Fuller Co. Fuller, itself, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of General American Transportation Corp., Chicago, Ill.

General Electric is changing the name of its Carbolyo Dept. to the Metallurgical Products Dept. to reflect the company's emphasis on specialty metals development and manufacturing. Departmental headquarters will remain in Detroit, GE says. It was this department that last month disclosed it was successfully operating a pilot facility making diamonds.

National Carbon Co., a division of Union Carbide & Carbon Corp., will dedicate its new Parma, Ohio, research laboratory, September 18. The laboratory is designed primarily for basic research in chemical and solid state physics. Constructed at a "multi-million dollar" cost, the laboratory brings to seven the number of research centers being operated by Union Carbide & Carbon divisions. Last year the company spent \$43 million on research.

The Milwaukee branch of Thor Power Tool Co., Aurora, Ill., is being moved to a new building in Milwaukee. The new structure gives the company twice the space in which to expand repair and service facilities. Thor manufactures portable air and electric power tools.

Union Wire Rope Corp. is opening a new warehouse in Minneapolis. L. E. Anderson will be district manager.

Black & Decker Mfg. Co., Towson 4, Md., is forming a new sales depart-

ment, the Service Sales Div. It will begin operating October 1 when John P. Spain, Pacific coast regional manager, will assume the post of service sales manager.

A Silver Battery Div. is being formed by the Exide Industrial Div., The Electric Storage Battery Co., Philadelphia, Pa. J. J. Sullivan will manage the new division, which will manufacture silver-zinc batteries at Exide's Philadelphia plant.

The Jeffrey Mfg. Co., Columbus, Ohio, announces these personnel changes: William K. Myers replaces R. W. Sweitzer as district manager of the New York office; Tom Fear, Jr., replaces Harley Lee as district manager of the St. Louis office, where Mr. Lee will continue in an advisory capacity; William T. Davis, formerly of the Houston office, moves to the company's western sales office in San Francisco as application engineer; William A. Lewis is appointed sales engineer for the Houston district office; Ralph Bolton is named sales engineer of the Birmingham district office; and James A. Frazier is assigned to the Industrial Sales Div., Beckley, W. Va. In other changes Jeffrey has replaced C. O. McFadden, manager of the Columbus district with John Chrystal, manager of original equipment sales. Mr. McFadden continues as an advisor. Mr. Chrystal is succeeded by A. T. Loew, who, in turn, is succeeded as office manager of the merchandise sales division by Dick Ross.

C. A. Peters has joined the Daniels Co., Contractors, Inc., Indiana, Pa., as a preparation engineer. Mr. Peters was formerly preparation engineer for the Norman Coal Corp., Mullen, W. Va. He will serve the West Virginia, Virginia and Kentucky coal fields.

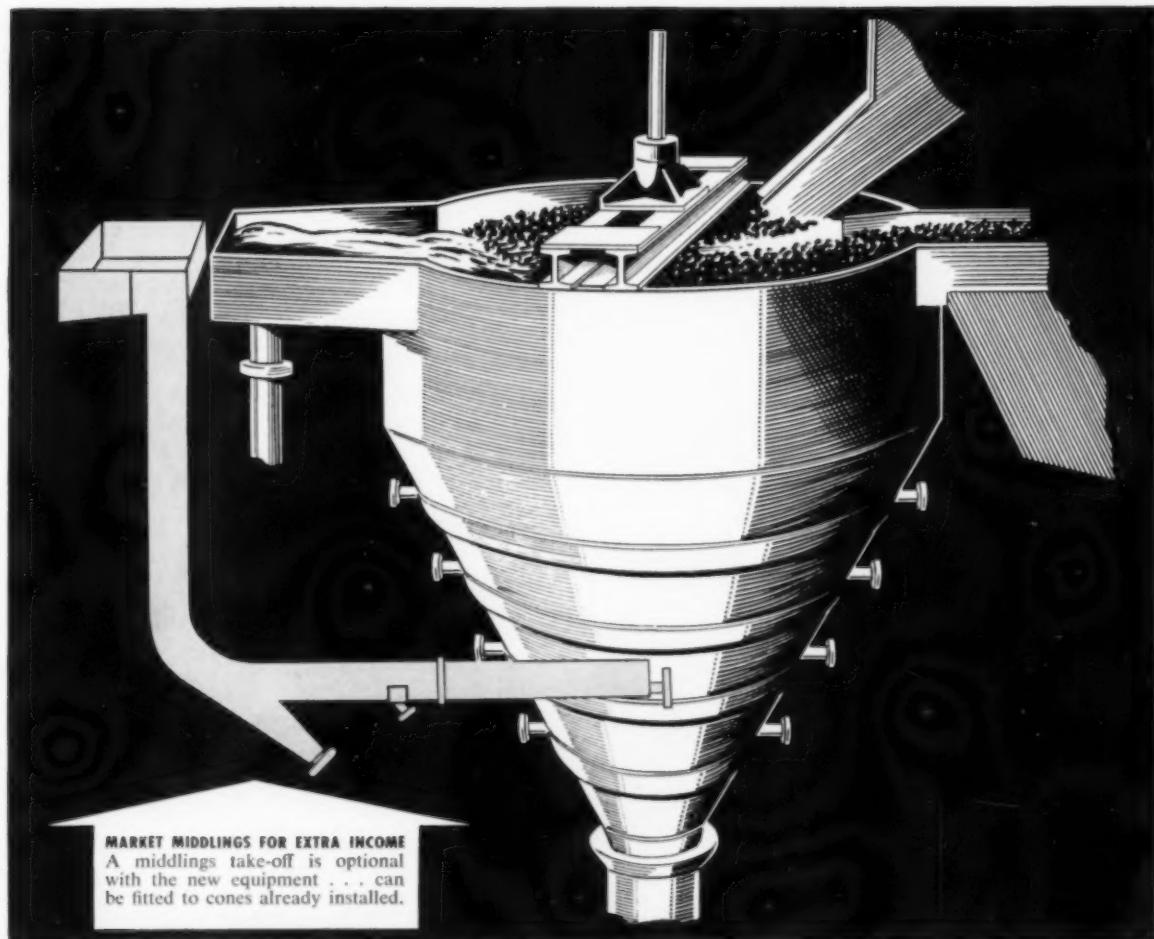
Russell G. Creiston, Crane Co., executive, has retired after 27 yr with the company's general office in Chicago, Ill. Mr. Creiston joined Crane as manager of sales promotion, later moved to the job of public relations director (1943).

John R. Jones has been appointed sales manager of the Pioneer Rubber Co., New York, N.Y. Mr. Jones was formerly field sales manager of the Sundries Div., B. F. Goodrich Co., Akron, Ohio.

Dwight H. Thayer, advertising manager, and John R. Woods, Pittsburgh sales representative, have been made sales managers of Rome Cable Corp., Rome, N.Y.

Russell W. Chaffin has been appointed general sales manager, Industrial Rubber Div., Thermoid Co., Trenton, N.J. Mr. Chaffin was sales manager of the company's Western Division before the appointment. In another announcement Thermoid disclosed that J. Wilbur Huff

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Manufacturers (Continued)

has been appointed technical manager of the Rubber Division. Mr. Huff replaces Mr. John A. Muller who has been named director of research and development.

J. E. Glass, Jr., has been appointed sales representative of Newcomer (Latrobe, Pa.) mining tools in southern West Virginia and eastern Kentucky. Mr. Glass was formerly with the Trux-Traer Coal Co. His headquarters will be in Beckley, W. Va.

Ronald Jenkins has been given the post of assistant advertising manager, Simplicity Engineering Co., Durand, Mich. Mr. Jenkins will be responsible for co-ordinating advertising and sales promotion.

Contractors Equipment and Truck Co., Inc., 780 E. 3rd St., Lexington, Ky., has been named Kentucky distributor by LeTourneau-Westinghouse Co., Peoria, Ill.

Willard J. Hannon has been appointed a sales representative by the Leschen Wire Rope Div., H. K. Porter Co., Inc., St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Hannon will sell Leschen products in western Illinois; St. Louis, Mo. and much of Missouri.

Dr. L. E. Lighton, vice president and director of research, The Electric Storage Battery Co., Philadelphia, Pa., has retired. Capt. Clifton G. Grimes, U. S. Navy (ret.), will succeed Dr. Lighton as director of research.

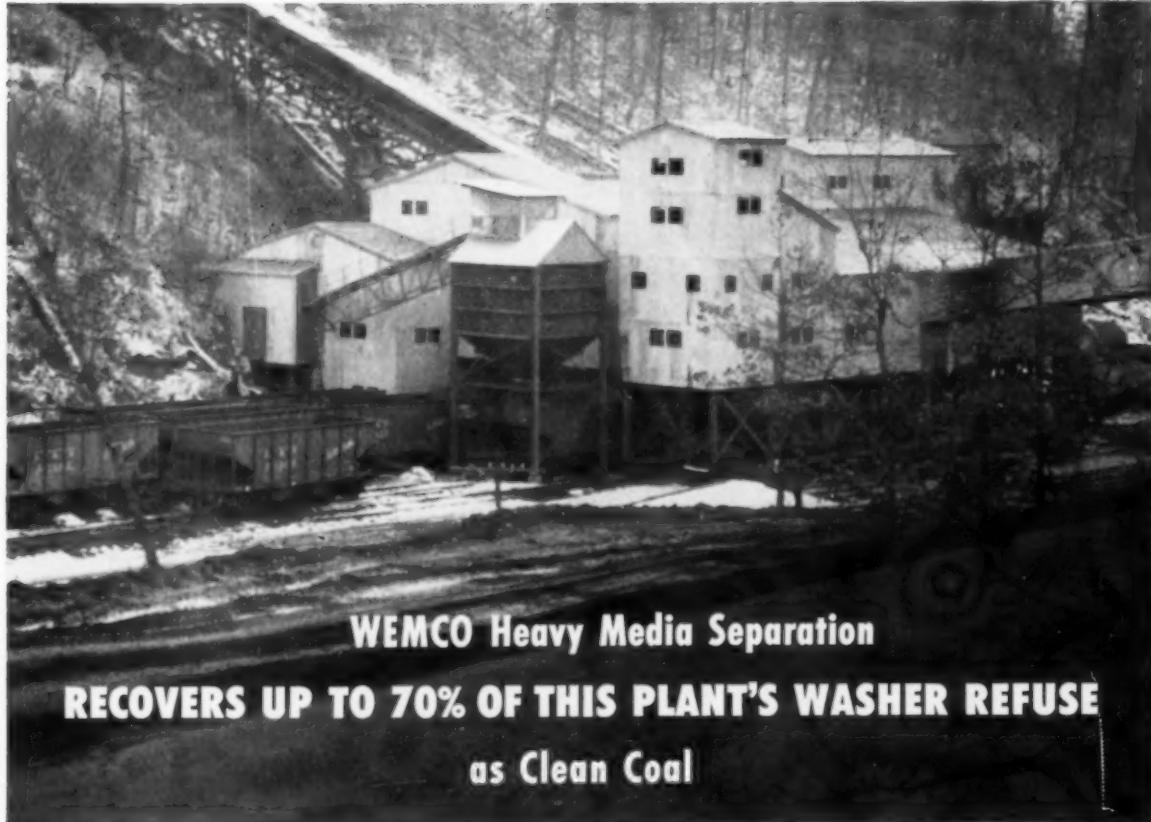
Two new distributors of Lima shovels, cranes, draglines and pull shovels have been announced by Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton Corp., Lima, Ohio. Emmett C. Watson Co., Inc., Louisville, Ky. will cover Kentucky, except in Boone, Kenton, Campbell, McCreary, Whitley and Bell counties. Evans Engine & Equipment Co., Seattle, Wash., will cover the western half of Washington and all of Alaska.

Crane Co. has announced appointments to three sales posts: Thomas D. Kelly has been appointed manager of the company's midwest district, Darrell R. Nordwall has been named manager of the company's east coast district and Charles H. Lovelace has been named manager of valve and fitting sales.

Lewis T. Barry, former Denver Equipment Co. employee, has joined the General Sales Dept. of Western Machinery Co., San Francisco, Calif.

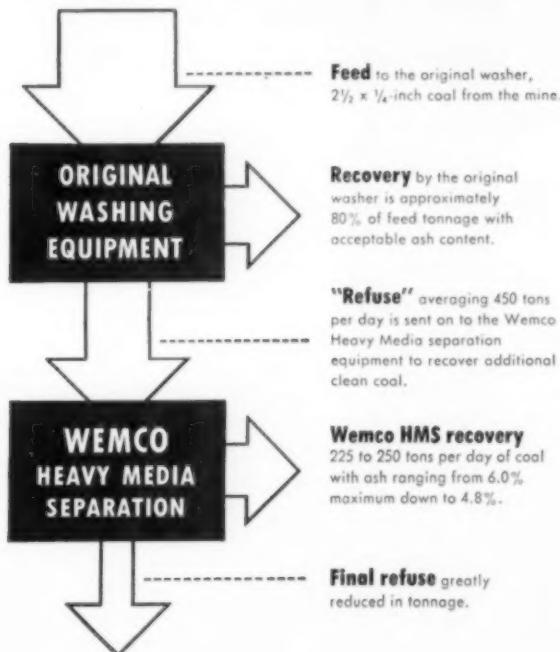
Atlas Powder Co. has announced the appointment of James L. Wetzel as manager of its eastern district explosives sales office, with headquarters in Wilmington, Del., the company's general offices. John K. O'Hare will succeed Mr. Wetzel as manager of the company's explosives sales office, Pittsburgh.

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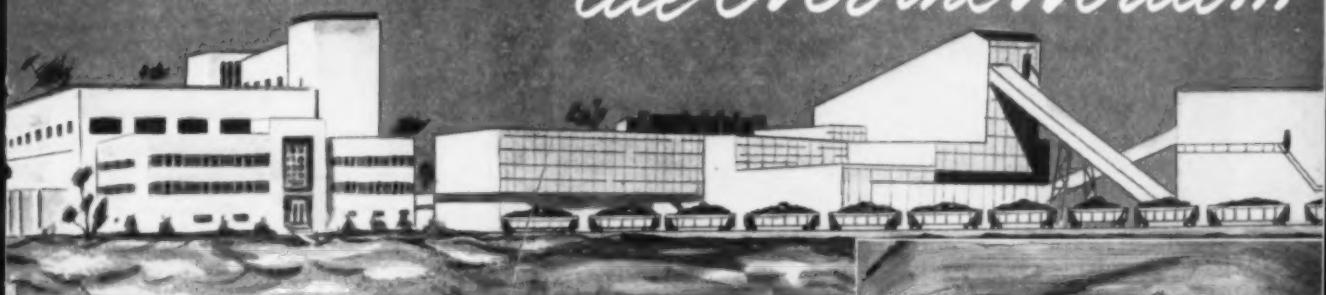


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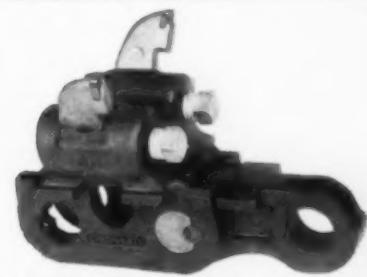
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Manufacturers (Continued)

Joy Mfg. Co., Pittsburgh, Pa., has appointed **William Hanson, Jr.** its manager of conveyor products at its Philadelphia plant. Mr. Hanson joined Joy in 1951 as a designer, later moved to assistant manager of conveyor products.

J. C. Baseheart has been appointed **engine sales manager** and **F. M. Borwell**, assistant engine sales manager, according to officials of the Buda Div., Tractor Group, Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co. Both men will work at the company's home office in Milwaukee, Wis.

D-A Lubricant Co., Inc., Indianapolis, Ind., has announced the appointment of **Richard W. Burnett** as field representative covering eastern Missouri.

Two July appointments have been announced by **Newcomer Products, Inc., Latrobe, Pa.** **Austin Redmon** has been named mining sales engineer in eastern Kentucky and Tennessee with headquarters at Middlesboro, Ky. **Edward Yerkovich** has been appointed mining service engineer with headquarters in Worthington, W. Va. He will service mines in northern West Virginia fields.

Fred E. Rau has been appointed manager, Hoisting Equipment Sales for the **Yale Materials Handling Div., Yale & Towne Manufacturing Co., Philadelphia, Pa.**

Dodge Mfg. Corp., Mishawaka, Ind., has announced these personnel changes: **Carl W. Petersen**, former vice president and works manager, elected executive vice president; **Earl Wedlake**, former production manager, elected vice president in charge of production and purchasing; **Karl D. Jahnke**, former assistant treasurer, promoted to secretary and treasurer to succeed the retired **Temple Williams**.

American Hoist and Derrick Co., St. Paul, Minn., has appointed **Percy S. Gough**, sales manager of the Crosby-Laughlin Div. Mr. Gough will be responsible for merchandising drop forged fittings for wire rope and chain. He joined American Hoist in 1937 and was manager of distribution before the appointment.

Jerry W. Hillebrand is the new district manager in St. Louis, Mo., area for the **Industrial Rubber Div., Thermoid Co., Trenton, N.J.** Mr. Hillebrand joined Thermoid in 1955 after 17 yr of selling with the **Pioneer Rubber Mills**. In another Thermoid appointment, **Roy L. Wanamaker** was named to cover the Denver, Salt Lake City area for the company.

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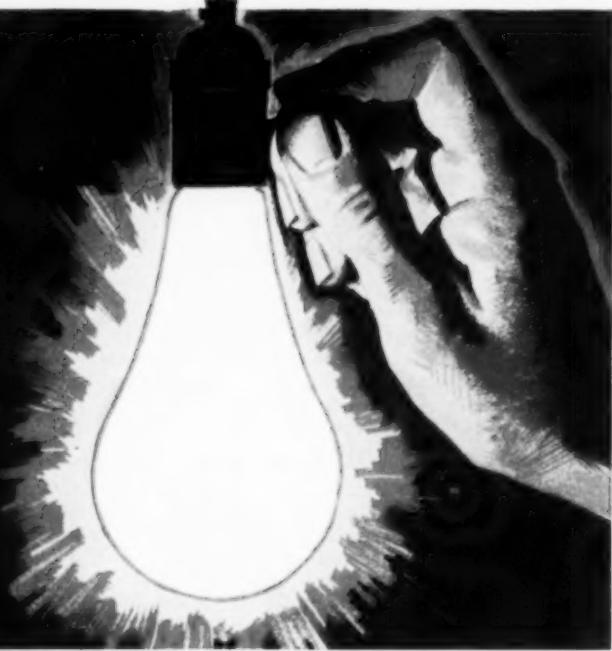


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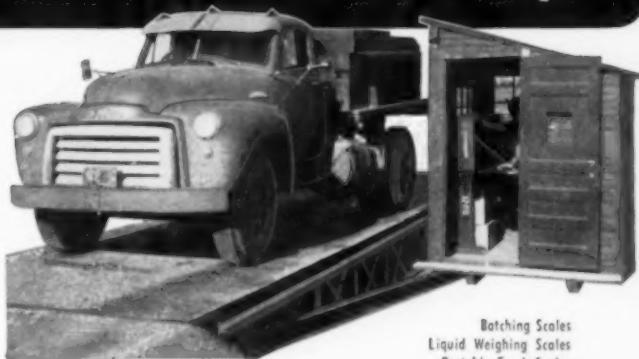


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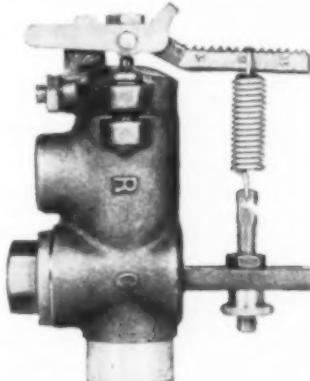
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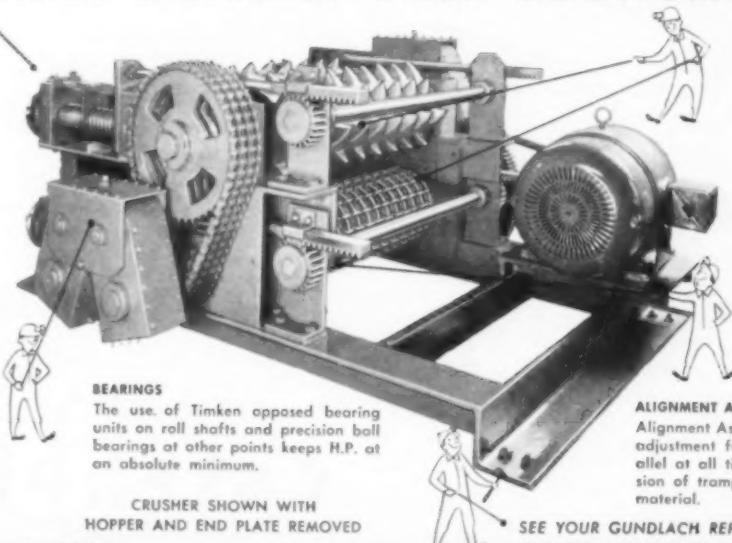
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"This DW21 is a fine, fast-loading machine. Its big tires really help us in soft sand," says W. S. Perryman, job superintendent. In addition to the DW21, there are five DW10s, five Caterpillar track-type Tractors and a No. 12 Motor Grader working here.

The DW21's four-cycle, Turbocharged diesel engine develops 300 HP (maximum output)—ample for fast cycle times here and in mining applications. Wide-section 29.5-29 tires give maximum traction and big-footprint flotation on soft or sticky surfaces. They are tubeless tires, now standard equipment on the DW21, giving cooler running, better puncture and blowout

protection, easier servicing—and eliminating the major portion of down time caused by old-fashioned tires.

Teamed with the DW21 is the Caterpillar No. 470 Scraper, featuring LOWBOWL design for faster, bigger (25-yd. heaped capacity) payloads. Because the bowl is shallower, wider and longer, there is less resistance throughout the loading cycle. In on-the-job tests, the No. 470 Scraper actually proved to be 20% more efficient than the next-best scraper in its class!

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- Lowers cleaning costs by minimizing fines
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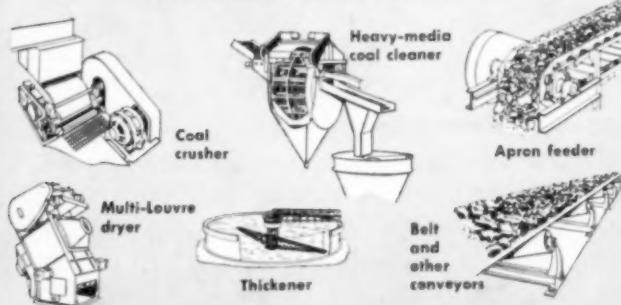


At right: Proposal contract delegating full responsibility for entire Clinchfield Coal Corp. plant to Link-Belt. Facility will service Moss Mine No. 2, Clinchfield, Virginia.

SINGLE CONTRACT

**awarded Link-Belt to build
complete Clinchfield plant**

Part of LINK-BELT equipment installed at Clinchfield



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LINK-BELT "turn-key" service coordinates design, manufacture, erection of preparation facilities

THIS new coal preparation plant at Clinchfield, Va., is a working exhibit of Link-Belt "turn-key" service. Unparalleled facilities enabled Link-Belt to accept full responsibility—from design to overall satisfactory performance. Here's how:

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